

Town of Oak Bluffs



Annual Town Report

2015



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS



For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

**With Which are Included the
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING COMPANY

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TOWN OF
OAK BLUFFS

Another in our series of Town Report covers by local artists...

Liz Durkee is the conservation agent for the Town of Oak Bluffs. She has walked the Town's shoreline daily for years and in 2015, on a lark, she took her iphone and began taking photos. The walks became more than just exercise; they opened her eyes to the art of photography and a renewed appreciation for the natural beauty of Oak Bluffs.

Our 2000 Town Report cover was a pen and ink drawing by Steve Durkee, Liz's husband.

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PREPARED BY THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

IN MEMORIAM

We respectfully remember those citizens who gave of themselves and their talents to serve Oak Bluffs.

DONALD BILLINGS

Finance Committee

Shellfish Deputy

Building Committee for Oak Bluffs Fire/EMS Facility

Fire Department Captain

Member in the Fire Department Restoration Engine 2 Committee

RICHARD “BUZZY” BLANKENSHIP

Finance Committee

Harbor Master

Patrolman

Selectman

Sign Review Committee

Superintendent of Fire Alarms

Housing Authority

EMMA CROWELL CARMICHAEL

Planning Board

CARL EDWARD GREEN

Personnel Board

SUMMER HOUSE

On the harbor bluff
stands a grey lady
of well-worn wood.

She grew with our family,
Three stories tall,
a jumble of gables and dormers.

She recorded births, deaths,
and a lot more.
One hundred year's worth.

Beaten by weather,
a romantic, run-down symbol
of a bygone era.

Unchanged in a changing world,
magical and sad at once,
A gift to anyone who has memories
of summers past.

The sign read

FOR SALE
EXCLUSIVE

We pulled away.

Michael Achille
Oak Bluffs
Poet Laureate

IN MEMORIAM

We respectfully remember those citizens who gave of themselves and their talents to serve Oak Bluffs.

BARBARA HOUTMAN

Selectman

LORRAINE M. HOGGAN

Library Trustee

Personnel Board

JEAN KATHARINE KAY

Blue Ribbon Committee

ROBERT EDWARD PHILLIPS

Registrar of Voters

MARY KIDDER ROGERS

Tax Collector

Computer Planning Committee

2015

STATE OFFICIALS

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Elizabeth A. Warren
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Daniel A. Wolf – Democrat
State House, Boston, MA 02133
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617.722.1570

Representative in General Court Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District

Timothy R. Madden – Democrat
State House, Boston, MA 02133
Room 437
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County Commissioners

County Administrative Building
9 Airport Road, PO Box 190, Edgartown, MA 02539
508.696.3840

Leon Braithwaite – West Tisbury, Chair

John S. Alley – West Tisbury

Tristan R. Israel – Tisbury

David Holway - Edgartown

Christine Todd – Oak Bluffs

Leonard Jason Jr. – Chilmark

Gretchen Tucker Underwood – Oak Bluffs

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OFFICERS 2015

Moderator

Jesse B. Law II	2016
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Members of the Board of Selectman

Kathleen A. Burton	2018
Gregory Coogan	2018
Gail M. Barmakian	2016
Michael J. Santoro, Chairman	2017
Walter W. Vail	2017

Town Clerk

Laura B. Johnston	2017
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Members of the Board of Health

William White	2018
John Campbell	2016
Patricia Bergeron	2017

Park Commissioners

Allan A. deBettencourt	2018
Richard Combra, Jr.	2016
Amy K. Billings, Chairman	2017

Cemetery Commissioners

Jesse B. Law III	2018
Linda Wilson	2016
John Victor Tiernan	2017

Constables

George Warren	2016
David Oliveira	2016

Tree Warden

Joseph M. deBettencourt	2018
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School Committee

Kristine A. O'Brien	2018
Lisa Anne Reagan	2016
Michael Hoyt	2017

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Priscilla L. Sylvia	2016
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Finance and Advisory Committee

Robert V. Huss	2016
Steven Auerbach	2018
Raymond Taylor, Chair	2018
Jason Balboni	2018
Michael Taus	2016
Herbert H. Kiehn, Jr.	2016
Maura J. McGroarty	2017
Abraham L. Seiman	2017
Kimberly V. Burke	2017

Planning Board

Robert W. Fehl	2020
Erik Albert	2016
Kris W. Chvatal	2017
Brian Packish	2018
T. Ewell Hopkins, Jr.	2019

Wastewater Commission

Hans von Steiger	2018
Robert A. Iadicicco	2016
Gail M. Barmakian	2017

Water District Officers 2015

Moderator

Duncan Ross	2016
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Commissioners

Nelson S. Oliver	2018
Michael S. deBettencourt	2016
Raymond J. Moreis, Jr	2017

APPOINTMENTS

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Town Administrator

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.

February 12, 2017

Town Accountant

Arthur Gallagher

March 14, 2015

Affordable Housing Committee

Kathleen Burton

June 30, 2017

Peter Bradford

June 30, 2018

Marie Doubleday

June 30, 2015

Bikeway Study Committee

Steve Auerbach

June 30, 2017

Gail Barmakian

June 30, 2017

Gregory Coogan

June 30, 2017

T. Ewell Hopkins

June 30, 2017

Margaret McGrath

June 30, 2017

William McGrath

June 30, 2017

Maura McGroarty

June 30, 2017

Charles Rock

June 30, 2017

Board of Assessors

Marie B. Allen

June 30, 2018

Melanie M. Bilodeau

June 30, 2018

Jesse B. Law, III

June 30, 2018

Cape Light Compact

Richard Toole

June 30, 2017

Cape and Vineyard Electric Coop

Richard Toole

June 30, 2017

Capital Program Committee

Steven Auerbach

June 30, 2017

Kimberly Burke

June 30, 2017

Robert Fehl

June 30, 2017

Robert Huss

June 30, 2016

Bill McGrath

June 30, 2017

John Newsom

June 30, 2017

James Westervelt

June 30, 2016

Community Preservation Act Commission

Amy Billings

June 30, 2017

Stephen Durkee

June 30, 2018

Joan Hughes

June 30, 2017

Jevon Rego

June 30, 2018

Charles Rock

June 30, 2017

Alison Shaw

June 30, 2017

James Westervelt

June 30, 2018

Conservation Commission

Terry Appenzellar	June 30, 2017
Helen Hinkle	June 30, 2017
Joan Hughes	June 30, 2016
Margaret Klugman	June 30, 2018
Ronald Zentner	June 30, 2018

Copeland Plan District Review Board

Erik Albert	Open Ended
Allan deBettencourt	Open Ended
Injy Farak Lew	Open Ended
Ronald H. Mechur	Open Ended
Robyn B. Nash	Open Ended
Kerry Scott	Open Ended
Judy Shemit	Open Ended
Patricia Wallace	Open Ended
Barbara Whitmore	Open Ended

Cottage City Historical District Commission

Barbara Baskin	June 30, 2015
Kathleen Burton	June 30, 2017
Shelley Christiansen, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Matthew Cramer	June 30, 2015
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2015
Philip Regan	June 30, 2015
Alison Shaw, Alternate	June 30, 2015
James Westervelt	June 30, 2016
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2017

Council on Aging

Karen Achille	June 30, 2016
Francis Bernard, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Robert Blythe	June 30, 2017
Sandra Blythe	June 30, 2017
James Brannon, Alternate	June 30, 2018
Leo Gagnon	June 30, 2016
Jacqueline Hunt	June 30, 2017
Jenifer Parkinson	June 30, 2017

Town Counsel

Ronald H. Rappaport	Open Ended
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Director of Emergency Management

Chief Erik Blake	June 30, 2016
Chief John Rose	June 30, 2016

Fire Chief

John Rose	Open Ended
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Fire Inspectors

Antone Ferreira	Open Ended
Christopher Wiggin	Open Ended
James Moreis, Jr.	Open Ended

Gas Inspector

Adam Mahoney	June 30, 2015
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Harbor Advisory Committee

Douglas A. Abdelnour, Jr.	June 30, 2015
John Breckenridge	June 30, 2016
Richard Combra	June 30, 2015
Jeffrey LaBell	June 30, 2015
Jason Lew	June 30, 2015
Thomas Norbury	June 30, 2015
David Pothier	June 30, 2016

Harbormaster

Todd Alexander	Open Ended
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Assistant Harbormaster

David Grunden	Open Ended
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Herring Run Committee

David Grunden	Open Ended
Deacon Perrotta	Open Ended

Historical Committee

Rene Balter	June 30, 2015
James L. Dearing	June 30, 2015
Joyce Dresser	June 30, 2015
Susan Gamble	June 30, 2015
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2015
Alison Shaw	June 30, 2015
Susan E. Thompson	June 30, 2015

Inspector of Wiring

James Rogers	Open Ended
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Island Housing Trust

Marie Doubleday	June 30, 2017
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Joint Transportation Committee

Richard Combra, Jr.	Open Ended
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Library Board of Trustees

Deirdre Bohan	June 30, 2017
Lloyd Henke	June 30, 2018
Kevin McGrath	June 30, 2018
Peter Palches	June 30, 2017
Linda Wilson	June 30, 2018
Mary (Scotty) Vail	June 30, 2018

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

Holly Alaimo	June 30, 2015
Harvey Beth	June 30, 2018
Traeger diPietro	June 30, 2017
Wendy Palmer	June 30, 2016
Barry Stringfellow	June 30, 2016

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Advisory Committee

Polly Bassett	Open Ended
Richard F. Coutinho	Open Ended
Elizabeth D Durkee	Open Ended
Robert Hammett	Open Ended

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Alice Ryan Butler

June 30, 2017

Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority Port Council

Robert V. Huss

December 31, 2016

Oak Bluffs Housing Trust

David Bailey

June 30, 2017

Gail Barmakian

June 30, 2017

Kathleen Burton

June 30, 2017

Gregory Coogan

June 30, 2017

Marie Doubleday

June 30, 2017

T. Ewell Hopkins

June 30, 2017

Michael Santoro

June 30, 2017

Walter Vail

June 30, 2017

Personnel Board

Steve Auerbach

June 30, 2018

Jason Balboni

June 30, 2016

Robert Blythe

June 30, 2017

Gretchen Coleman-Thomas

June 30, 2017

John Lolley

June 30, 2017

Plumbing Inspector

Charles Day, Jr.

June 30, 2015

Chief of Police

Erik G. Blake

June 30, 2020

Board of Registrars

Kathryn P. Collins

June 30, 2017

Mary Anne Cummings

June 30, 2018

Laura B. Johnston

Open Ended

Margaret A. Stafursky

June 30, 2016

Roads and Byways Committee

Erik G. Blake

Open Ended

John Bradford

Open Ended

Richard Combra, Jr.

Open Ended

Allen deBettencourt

Open Ended

Brian Packish

June 30, 2017

John Rose

Open Ended

Michael Santoro

Open Ended

Shellfish Committee

William Alwardt

June 30, 2017

Fred Rick Huss

June 30, 2017

Mark G. Landers

June 30, 2017

Elizabeth Mansure

June 30, 2017

Dan Martino

June 30, 2017

Shellfish Constable

David W. Grunden

June 30, 2016

Sign Review Committee

Barbara Baskin	June 30, 2018
Richard Combra, Jr	Open Ended
Brian Packish	June 30, 2017
Alison Shaw	Open Ended

Tax Collector

Cheryll Sashin	Open Ended
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Town Treasurer

Sharon Jackson	Open Ended
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Veteran's Agent

JoAnn Murphy	Open Ended
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Zoning Board of Appeals

Kris Chvatal	June 30, 2016
Michael Perry, Alternate	June 30, 2017
Jo Re	June 30, 2018
Andrea Rogers	June 30, 2017
Llewellyn S. Rogers, Alternate	June 30, 2016
George Warren	June 30, 2017
Peter W. Yoars	June 30, 2017

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen it is an honor and a pleasure to report to you on the state of the Town during 2015.

First I would like to thank my fellow selectmen, the employees, volunteers, board and committee members who do so much to make our town the special place that it is. "Proud to be from OB".

The winter of 2015 will long be remembered for its weather. Weeks and weeks of freezing cold and record breaking snow storms. Thanks to our Highway Department, the roads were always clear within hours of the end of any storm. Thank you Highway Department.

There were a number of projects completed this year. A new Fire House was constructed on the old site, ground was broken in December, 2014 and the dedication was held on December 15, 2015. It is a well-designed building that meets the needs of our Fire/EMS Department and the Town. As Selectman Vail, a member of the Building Committee reported every week, the project was "on time and on budget".

Congratulations to the Niantic Park Committee who not only coordinated the redesign and construction of the project, but also raised funds and volunteered to help with the construction itself. Thank you also to the many citizens who donated funds and their work skills to its completion. "Proud to be from OB"

Dredging was done at the "Little Bridge" on Sengekontacket Pond. This particular area was hit hard by the severity of storms we had during the winter. The sand that was removed was used to improve the town beaches.

In June, the Conservation Commission dedicated a new walking trail system at Sailing Camp Park. This

improvement should encourage more hikers and walkers to explore this lovely piece of property on the Lagoon.

Not all endeavors were successful, the Board worked to establish a "Park and Ride" near Town Hall, which would have been helpful to people enjoying the downtown or taking the ferry. However, it was decided to look for another location.

Our annual "summer taxpayers" meeting was held in August. This encourages property owners who are seasonal residents to ask questions, make suggestions and enjoy the advantages of small town government.

Classes in ethics, community governance and customer service were made available to all board members, committees and department heads.

A records management firm was hired to organize our stored documents and determine the best and safest way to preserve them.

Careful attention to financial matters prompted Standard & Poors to award the Town an AA+ rating.

Oak Bluffs was named a Regional Site for the Observance of Veteran's Day.

We are grateful to the Cottagers, a group of women property owners who promote education, cultural pride and the value of service for their generous donation to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Each year has its own challenges and 2015 was no exception. Relying on the input of our citizens, board and committee members helps us to continue forward to make Oak Bluffs the best it can be. We will always be "Proud to be from OB"

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. SANTORO, Chairman

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Over the previous year the Town has continued its strong trend of positive improvement in all major areas of its local government performance. First and foremost, we closed our third consecutive year in FY 2015 with a general fund balance of over \$1 million. This is consistent with our financial planning and has helped to stabilize our entire municipal operation. This gives us the ability to turn our major focus to working with local residents to institute better planning and to solving some of the long-term problems of our community such as protecting coastal and inland infrastructure, managing growth, and protecting the water quality of our coastal embayments. The outside bond rating agency, Standard and Poors, returned to our Town in 2015 and were very pleased with our performance since our major bond rating upgrade the previous year. Oak Bluffs was affirmed again in its AA+ bond rating, with a positive outlook declared and positive recognition for our strong financial management.

Of course there is a double-edged sword to our strong financial performance, which if we are not careful may foster a false sense of abundance for different groups seeking funding for new projects and programs. Our newfound stability gives us the luxury of a period in which to plan for our future, making careful decisions over time that will meet the needs of local residents. What we must constantly reinforce is the fact that even as a wonderfully unique and beautiful community, we are still a small Town with limited means, and we must continue to manage our finances conservatively in order to maintain an efficient and sustainable base of services and keep our public infrastructure in good condition. Many of our largest problems require years of consistent effort to solve, and we are gearing up as a community to gain the consensus necessary to make that powerful long-term achievement.

With this mindset, the Town has made strides toward improving its long-term viewpoint across a wide range of issues that involve local boards and officials engaging local residents. Stemming from the long-term financial viewpoint that has improved our finances, the Capital Program Committee has each year for the past four years created and updated a long-term capital improvement program (CIP) that sets forth a unified vision of investment in the Town's buildings, vehicles, equipment and infrastructure over the next multi-year period. Through this process, the Town has laid out all of its future debt payments to engage in a debt management program that has shown it is possible to meet the major needs of the Town over time with a stable tax rate by replacing our retiring debt with new projects at the right time to keep overall debt payments stable.

This idea was employed with great success in solving our greatest building problem as this year the Town finished the construction of a new fire station to replace our dilapidated older station which was cited as non-complying with State laws and regulations. Together with the improvements in training and overall management of the now combined Fire/EMS Department, this prepares the Town into the future for an improved state of readiness and ability to protect our residents in times of personal emergency. This same strategy is now being used to plan for a Town Hall to replace the old school building which has handicap accessibility problems and is beset by structural code issues.

It has also been a pleasure to see the resurgence of our Town Planning Board which has gained tremendous energy in helping to solve Town-wide problems. With guidance from the Planning Board the Town completed in July of 2015 a year-long planning process to improve the streetscapes and public infrastructure in our downtown area. This study recognizes the tremendous sense of place here in Oak Bluffs and takes great care in developing strategies to manage our physical landscapes to preserve our wonderful historic character and charm as a community. The planning study moves into the design phase for 2016, which the Town hopes will compete strongly for infrastructure development grants to update our streetscapes in ways that will spur additional private investment and help to keep our historic downtown vibrant and strong for years to come. This has been a valuable learning process for the Town, as we have made strides in engaging our community as never before. With the use of social media, surveys and old-fashioned one-on-one discussions, the Streetscape project has not only helped us create a strong consensus vision for the downtown, it also continues to reshape the way we outreach and interact with local residents.

Several other major projects came to conclusion in 2015 which have improved our Town in very interesting ways. As an example, Oak Bluffs is famous for its parks, and this year our Parks Commission is completing major renovations to the historic Niantic Park in ways that exceeded all expectations by engaging and involving our local community in the process. With Community Preservation funding the Commissioners designed and undertook major landscaping improvements, upgrades to the basketball facilities, restrooms and other amenities while at the same time involving local residents in a community-build playground for the park. With a highly organized outpouring of generous donations of money, time and effort, members of our community designed, funded and built a beautiful playground for the park with custom-made apparatus reflecting the history of our community.

Other projects completed in 2015 include the dredging of the little bridge entrance to Sengekontacket Pond for the first time after the receiving the damaging winds and storm surge of Hurricane Sandy. This year the Town also finished the development of an over 15 acre system of passive recreation conservation trails for the Sailing Camp Park located off of Barnes Road on Lagoon Pond. This project helped to make this wonderful conservation resource accessible to all members of the community to use and enjoy as a permanently protected Town amenity. The Town also took action in 2015 to complete a records management project which organized all of the Town records stored in Town Hall into a neat and searchable system to better preserve and provide access to important public documents. Finally, late in 2015 the Town launched its new website designed to provide local residents with better access to Town services and more information than our old website by far. An example of the public engagement component of the website includes a sign-up provision for interested people to select topics for which to

receive automatic notices and updates whenever new information is available.

As I complete my thirtieth year as a municipal manager here in Massachusetts, I continue to be humbled by the energy and caring nature of our beautiful community and its local residents. I am both proud and thankful to serve as your Town Administrator. I am also very proud of our team of elective leaders, Department Heads and the members of our staff who work so hard to represent the citizens of our Town, and whose efforts form the basis of all of our progress. I also recognize the efforts of the administrative staff that has served the Office of the Selectmen and Town Administrator, Alice Butler and Sheetal Grande, whose professionalism and positive impact extend throughout our entire community.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. WHRITENOUR, JR.
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT

APRIL 14, 2015

All those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence for those residents who have passed away.

Our Moderator, Jesse B. Law III was unable to attend tonight's meeting so Town Clerk, Laura B. Johnston, as acting Moderator, called the meeting to order at the Oak Bluffs School, Tradewinds Rd, Oak Bluffs on Tuesday April 14, 2015 at 7:15 P.M. with 193 of the 3679 Registered voters in attendance.

Two handouts were distributed to the voters before the meeting: A Blue Sheet (*) which contained the Finance Committee votes which were voted by the Committee after Free Cash was certified and a White Sheet, (**) which contained motions for articles to be voted on at tonight's meeting.

The first order of business was to elect a temporary Moderator for both the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting. The Town Clerk asked for nominations from the floor and Selectmen Walter Vail made a motion to nominate Duncan Ross, who had served as the Oak Bluffs Town Moderator for several years and is currently the Moderator for the Oak Bluffs Water District. The motion for the nomination for Duncan Ross was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Town Clerk then swore in Duncan Ross as temporary Moderator. He then continued the meeting to act upon the following posted warrant articles.

Article 1. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer \$1,215.15 (One thousand two hundred fifteen dollars and fifteen cents) from the Selectmen's Unclassified Account to pay prior year bills.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>
\$1,215.15	Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article authorizes the payment of bills from a prior fiscal year. A 9/10 vote is required for the passage of this Article.

Article 2. ** A motion was made, seconded voted by a majority to transfer from available funds in the Waterways Account the sum of \$41,000 to the Harbormaster Expense Account for the purpose of conducting harbor maintenance activities.

Harbormaster

Executive Summary: This article transfers the sum of \$41,000 from the Waterways Account to the Harbormaster Account for harbor maintenance including mooring maintenance, dock/piling repair and electrical system repair and maintenance.

Article 3. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the purpose of purchasing one full-size dump truck for the Highway Department, and to authorize a lease program to pay the remaining balance for the vehicle.

Highway Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This truck replaces an older truck that has outlived its useful life and now requires excessive repairs and has become unsafe. This is a primary vehicle used by the Highway Department to support its mission. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

Article 4. **A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$23,000 (twenty-three thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the upgrade of the Town's website.

IT Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds the existing contract for the update of the Town's website. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 5. **A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for network upgrades and meeting room technology.

IT Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds improvements to the Town's computer network and updating technology for public meeting room space. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 6. **A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$64,000 (sixty four thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account and \$16,000 (sixteen thousand dollars) from the Stabilization Fund for repair and replacement of the Seaview Avenue beach railing.

Parks Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds repair and replacement of the railing at the beach along Seaview Avenue. The railing has been in disrepair for several years. This project is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 7. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously (2/3 vote required) to transfer the sum of

\$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) from the Stabilization Fund for repair and replacement of the stairway to the beach in the vicinity of Samoset Avenue.

Parks Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds repair and replacement of the stairs at the beach near Samoset Avenue. The stairs were destroyed in storms. This project is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 8. **A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$2,700 (Two thousand seven hundred dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the replacement of voting booths.

Town Clerk

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds repair and replacement of the voting booths used in all elections. The current booths are old and unsafe. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 9. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for engineering and permitting for a post-closure use plan for the former Town landfill.

Board of Selectmen

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds engineering and permitting work to develop a plan to use the former landfill off of County road for other uses which may include parking and solar power. This project is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program

Article 10. **A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) from the Free Cash Account for the purpose of funding roof repairs at the Sailing Camp.

Conservation Commission Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article roof repairs to the Sailing Camp. This project is recommended in the Capital Improve-ment Program

Article 11. A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$260,000 (Two hundred sixty thousand dollars) for the replacement of an ambulance in the Fire/EMS Department.

Fire Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds the replacement of an ambulance that has already received major maintenance. The 2004 ambulance has traveled over 200,000 miles; it has many malfunctions including electrical issues making it unreliable and hazardous for patient transports. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

Article 12. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) for the replacement of fire equipment.

Fire Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article is intended to fund the replacement of outdated fire- fighting equipment and bring them up to current technological standards. The equipment consists of fire hoses, fire hose nozzles and hand tools. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

Article 13. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$45,600 (Forty-five thousand six hundred dollars) for the purchase of a new jaws of life.

Fire Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: The funds are for portable, battery operated Jaws of Life. Portable Jaws of Life tools are critical in extricating victims who are trapped in confined spaces or in remote areas that are inaccessible by large rescue vehicles.

Article 14. A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$28,800 (Twenty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars) for the purchase of CPR Training mannequins and related supplies.

Fire Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This equipment is necessary for the FIRE- EMS Department to maintain its training programs for paramedics who remain fully certified and up to standard for advanced life-saving procedures. Life-like mannequins are lifesaving training tools for paramedics to continue to train in procedures necessary in advanced life saving emergencies. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

Article 15. A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of \$74,000 (Seventy-four thousand dollars) for the replacement of one unmarked Police vehicle and one unmarked Chief's vehicle.

Police Department

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds the replacement of front line unmarked police vehicles in the Police Department used for Patrols and for the Chief of Police. The vehicles have lasted beyond their useful lives. This purchase is recommended in the Capital Improvement Program.

Article 16. A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve the sum of \$50,295 (Fifty thousand two hundred ninety-five

dollars) for the purchase of equipment in the Police Department as follows: \$14,295 for Speed Trailers, \$16,000 to replace Segways and \$20,000 to purchase body cameras.

**Police Department
Capital Program Committee**

Executive Summary: This replaces public safety equipment in the Police Department. It is recommended in the Town’s Capital Improvement Program.

Article 17. A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purchase of replacement utility pickup truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Wastewater Commission

Executive Summary: This Article replaces a twelve year old work truck that has outlived its useful life.

Article 18. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from Funds Balance Reserved for

Overlay (Overlay Surplus) the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) for the purpose of funding the State mandated triennial revaluation of real and personal property revaluation and other Assessing Departmental expenses.

Board of Assessors

Executive Summary: These funds will be used for revaluation consulting and technology enhancements relating to the State mandated triennial revaluation of real and personal property and for developing a more comprehensive public information effort.

Following the vote of this last article a motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority at 8:02 P.M.to close this Special Town Meeting.

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT
APRIL 14, 2015

This meeting was called to order at the Oak Bluffs School at 8:03 P.M. Town Clerk Laura Johnston announced that at our Special Town Meeting we had elected Duncan Ross as temporary Moderator for both our Meetings tonight and the assembly agreed that we would continue. With 227 of the 3679 registered voters attending, Duncan Ross, Temporary Moderator, then continued to act on the following articles with the exception of Article 15. There was a typographical error in the Warrant which had it listed as Article 16. We continued to reference the Blue Sheet* and the White Sheet** which contained Motion Changes for the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting. Administrator, Bob Whritenour, offered a financial update but the voters declined.

Article 1. **A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously as amended, to approve the budget as presented in Appendix A of \$26,514,084 to fund the general Operating Expenses of the Town of Oak Bluffs, and to meet said expenses the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,620,217 through the tax levy, transfer and appropriate from the Ferry Fee Account the sum of \$221,000 to line item #210 Police Department Salary Account and transfer the amount of \$250,000 from the Free Cash Account to reduce the property tax levy; Additionally to appropriate from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund the amount of \$1,412,887; of which \$703,931 will be transferred to the General Fund to fund debt service and Departmental Expenses, and to meet set appropriations via User Fees and Other Charges.

(Appendix A)

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article established the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual budgets for the various Town Departments as outlined in the attached Appendix A. Appendix C includes a budget worksheet showing sub-detailed line items.

Article 2. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to amend Section 15 of the Personnel By-law. Proposed new article to read as follows:

15.3 Military Leave

15.3.1. An employee of the Town who is a member of the Military Reserve or National Guard shall be granted leave of absence to perform military training duties in accordance with MGL Ch. 149, § 52A. Such absence for military training shall not affect the employee's right to receive vacation, sick leave and other benefits.

15.3.2. If said employee is full-time and has been in the employment of the town for at least one (1) year of continuous service, the town will compensate the employee up to ten (10) days of regular pay per calendar year for inactive or active duty training periods. The employee shall

provide their Appointing Authority with a copy of the report to duty order and a request for leave form with the anticipated departure and return dates.

15.3.3. All other employees shall be granted leave by their Appointing Authority without pay for such period.

15.3.4. An employee who is called to active duty or enlisted in the Armed Forces of the United States shall be protected under the United States Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) of 1994. -

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: Under the previous bylaw, the Town paid the difference of the pay between what the military paid and the employee's regular rate up to 17 days of military leave. It was difficult for administrators and employees to calculate due to the employee getting different rates for different military roles, sometimes on split days, and the military would pay in lump sum every 180 days. A growing practice that Towns are adopting is cover a solid block of time, commonly 10-15 days, which covers the mandatory 2 week training requirement for the employee. Employees currently affected - 1.

Article 3. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to amend Section 14 of the Personnel By-law. Proposed new article to read as follows:

14.4.2. FMLA

14.4.2 The Town may designate extended leave as Family Medical Leave when appropriate and will notify the employee in writing.

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This Article simply adds language to the Bylaw stating what already is the Town's practice as per the FMLA, so that employees are aware of this provision.

Article 4. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to amend Section 15 of the Personnel By-law. Proposed new bylaw to read as follows:

15.4.1 Personal Days

15.4.1 Full and part-time employees, working twenty hours or more per week, are eligible for a paid leave of three days a year. The purpose of the leave is to provide an opportunity for personal business. Personal days shall not be carried over into the next fiscal year..

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This Article simply adds language to the Bylaw stating what already is the Town's practice as per the FMLA, so that employees are aware of this provision.

Article 5. Voted by a majority to adopt the Personnel By-Law Schedule A Classification System and Schedule B Compensation Ranges (**Appendix B**) as amended.

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This article updates and sets the classifications and compensation ranges for Town employees under the Personnel Board purview. The compensation schedule reflects the implementation of a 2% cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2016 negotiated with Town unions and approved by the Personnel Board.

Article 6. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously To see if the Town, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, will vote as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, § 53E 1/2 to reestablish a revolving fund the Department 296, Marina, under the direction of the Harbormaster for the purpose of paying harbor related costs, to be funded from surcharge receipts collected from all transient visitors and to establish an annual limit of \$15,000 of expenditures, or take any action relative thereto.
Harbormaster

Executive Summary: This article annually reauthorized the Marina Revolving Account, which is funded through a \$1.50 surcharge on all transient visitors. The collected money is used to offset the cost of harbor area infrastructure improvements such as piling repair and small dredging, and to remediate environmental impacts to the harbor such as small oil spills. The estimate of annual revenues and expenditures to this account are not to exceed \$15,000.

Article 7. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2016 estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses and Community Preservation Reserves, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows:

Appropriation	Recommended Amount
Community Preservation	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 35,341
Reserves	
Open Space/Recreation	\$ 70,681
Historic Preservation	\$ 70,681
Community Housing	\$ 70,681
Budgeted Reserve	\$ 459,429

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This article is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on an annual basis to ensure that Community Preservation Funds are allocated properly, in the amount of at least 10% of total revenues to each of the three required areas of Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. The appropriation for administrative expenses is 5% of estimated revenues.

Article 8. A motion to vote the whole article was made, seconded, discussed and voted by a majority to vote this as one whole article. A motion was then made, seconded and voted by a majority to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2016 estimated revenues and

the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance the following project grants, based on the Community Preservation Committee’s recommendations, to spend a total of \$910,972.19. Each project shall be considered a separate appropriation.

1. Sea View Avenue Beach Preservation: Voted to appropriate a total of \$120,575 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for additional required studies and permitting, as a continuation of this Conservation Commission project to preserve the town beaches from Jetty Beach to Inkwell Beach.

2. East Chop Bluff Stabilization: Voted to appropriate \$279,800 from the Undesignated Fund Balance in order to complete the engineering, geotechnical work, and permitting for this continued Conservation Commission project to stabilize the bluff in order to protect the road and bluff from collapse.

3. Open Space and Recreation Recommendations, phase 2: Voted to appropriate \$15,000 with \$7,681 from the Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund and \$7,319 from the Undesignated Fund, for the Park Commission to develop improvement plans for ten prioritized Town parks.

4. Beach Planting: Voted to appropriate \$15,000 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund for the Park Commission to install plantings around a new stairway and to block unofficial paths in order to help stabilize Pay Beach dunes and beach.

5. Salt Marsh Restoration: Voted to appropriate \$9,697.19 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the Shellfish Department to stabilize and restore an area of salt marsh in Sengekontacket Pond in this project which is co-sponsored by Edgartown.

6. High School Track Replacement: Voted to appropriate \$63,000 from the Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund as Oak Bluffs’ share of this regional project to replace the High School Track.

7. Farm Pond Restoration: Voted to appropriate \$125,000 fro the Undesignated Fund Balance (and reserve \$125,000 from next year’s budget, for a total of \$250,000) to use as part of the 35% Town match required in order to accept the \$1,000,000 federal grant awarded to replace the Farm Pond culvert.

8. Richmond Avenue Affordable House: Voted to appropriate \$50,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for Island Housing Trust to winterize a single family house to be sold to an income eligible household, with preference given to an Oak Bluffs resident. This house will be deed restricted to remain an affordable house in perpetuity.

9. Rental Assistance: Voted to appropriate a total of \$138,000, with \$70,681 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund and \$67,319 from the Undesignated Reserve Fund, to support the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority’s Rental Assistance Program for Oak Bluffs’ families in FY2016.

10. Marine Hospital Roof and Chimneys: Voted to appropriate \$50,000 from the Historic Preservation

Reserve Fund to contribute to the Martha's Vineyard Museum's restoration and preservation of the original slate roof and chimneys on the 1898 Marine Hospital.

11. Trinity Church Stained Glass Windows: Voted to appropriate a total of \$27,000, with \$20,681 from the Historic Preservation Reserve Fund and \$6,319 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, for the continued restoration of the Trinity Church's exterior stained glass windows.

12. Town Hall Records Archiving, Phase 2: Voted to appropriate \$17,900 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to complete this Town project to archive and preserve important Town records.

Community Preservation Committee

Executive Summary: This article authorizes the expenditure of funds collected through the Town's Community Preservation Act program to be used as specified in the Article. Funds are collected through a 3% surcharge on property tax bills, matched by funds from the State. The Community Preservation Committee has developed an additional handout explaining their project recommendations.

Article 9. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted by more than the required 2/3 majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be used as matching funds for an "Estuaries Restoration Act" grant to pay the cost of installing a larger culvert under Seaview Avenue to rectify the existing tidal restriction of Farm Pond, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town thereafter.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: The Town has received a \$1,000,000 grant in order to replace the culvert at the entrance to Farm Pond. The grant carries with it an estimated \$500,000 local match, half of which will be funded through the Community Preservation Act, and half of which will be funded through this Article. This project was initiated in 2004 with its placement on the Massachusetts Wetland Restoration Priority List. Detailed studies have predicted that the larger culvert and increased tidal flow will dilute the nitrogen loading in Farm Pond to below the established Total Maximum Daily Load, bringing Farm Pond into compliance with the federal Clean Water Act.

Board of Selectmen

2/3 vote required

Article 10. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Free Cash Account the sum of \$16,726.08 (Sixteen thousand seven hundred twenty-six dollars and eight cents) to fund the Town of Oak Bluffs share of the Healthy Aging Task Force First Stop

Information and Referral Service for Fiscal Year 2016.

Healthy Aging Task Force

Article 11. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Free Cash account the sum of \$1,048 (one thousand forty-eight dollars) to fund the Town of Oak Bluffs share of the Healthy Aging Task Force My Senior Center program for Fiscal Year 2016.

Healthy Aging Task Force

Executive Summary: This Article provides financial support for a new program operated by the Healthy Aging Task Force create an activity registration and tracking system, originally designed for Mass. Senior centers and the EOEa, and now used by some 900 senior centers around the country. This service will enable elders to learn about activities throughout the island, and sign up for programs and events from their own homes or from the touch screens at their Senior Center. It allows Councils on Aging (COA) to speed up the check-in and registration process for their programs using keytags that are part of the system. It will also enable COAs, the Center for Living and the Healthy Aging Task Force to quickly and easily communicate directly with their members, announce new programs or snow cancellations and track customer interest and satisfaction. In year two, fiscal year 2017, the maintenance cost of the system will be \$5,400, divided among the island towns.

Article 12. ** A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to approve the debt authorized by the County of Dukes County to pay costs of purchasing and improving a building to provide health and human services for county residents, as authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014, and that in connection therewith, The Town acknowledges that its assessment on account of this debt by the County shall be based on no more than a 15 year term and such debt shall be divided among the towns by the "50/50" formula for fiscal year 2016 (50% equalized valuation as computed by the Mass. Department of Revenue for FY2016 and 50% population per the December 2014 town census), which amount is not to exceed \$1,600,000 plus interest and which will be determined upon the sale of Bonds and which will constitute a charge or fee for services subscribed to by the Town at local option, within the meaning of Chapter 59, Section 20A of the General Laws.

The County of Dukes County

Article 13. * A motion was made, seconded and voted by a majority to transfer from the Free Cash Account the sum of \$10,650 (Ten thousand six hundred and fifty dollars) to fund the Town of Oak Bluffs share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2016.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article provides financial support for Adult and Community Education of Martha's

Vineyard (ACE MV). This agency provides an array of accessible opportunities for Island residents, including job skills training, college training courses and enrichment classes for life-long learning.

Article 14. A motion was made, seconded and voted as amended by a majority to fix the compensation of full time and part time elected officials of the Town as provided by MGL, Chapter 41, § 108, as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 as follows:

Board of Selectmen, Chair	\$ 4,500
Selectmen, Members	\$ 3,000 each
Constables	\$ 500 each
Town Clerk	\$ 81,171.35
Tree Warden	\$ 1,500

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article establishes the compensation of elected officials for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015.

Article 15. This Article is for notification purposes only to elect the following Town Officers on the official ballot: We will vote on the ballot on Election Day, Thursday April 16, 2015.

Two Selectmen for three years

One Board of Health Member for three years

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years

One Park Commission for three years

One Planning Board Member for five years

One School Committee Member for three years

Three Finance & Advisory Committee Members
for three years

One Finance & Advisory Committee Member for one year

One Tree Warden for three years

One Wastewater Commissioner for three years

One Water District Commissioner for three years

And to act on the following non-binding ballot questions:

Should the Town of Oak Bluffs cease adding fluoride to the drinking water?

Yes _____ No _____

Executive Summary: This article established the local elective officers and Questions to appear on the Official Ballot of the Town Election to be held on April 16, 2015 pursuant to this warrant.

Article 16. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously, in response to the Massachusetts Estuaries Project Report, to establish, for planning and protection purposes, a Nitrogen Management District to include the entire Lagoon Pond watershed falling within Town borders, according to maps and boundaries established by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, as part of a management plan to restore the health of Lagoon Pond.

Joint Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Lagoon Pond Watershed Planning Committee

Executive Summary: "This article is submitted by the Joint Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Lagoon Pond Watershed Planning Committee. It identified the Oak Bluffs Lagoon Pond watershed; an identical article is proposed for the Town of Tisbury. The article seeks to establish a nitrogen management district in the Lagoon Pond watershed as a necessary step to help focus efforts to improve pond water quality".

Article 17. A motion was made, seconded and voted by 2/3 vote to amend Section 12 of its Zoning Bylaw by adopting the following:

Section 12.0 Solar Energy Systems.

12.1.1 Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the use of solar energy by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

12.2 General requirements. The following are common to all solar systems:

A. Compliance with Law and Regulations: The construction and operation of all proposed solar energy systems shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, communications and aviation requirements.

B. Expiration: A permit issued pursuant to this by-law shall expire if the solar energy system is not installed and functioning with 24 months from the date the permit is issued or the solar energy system is abandoned.

C. System conditions: Owners of solar energy systems shall be responsible for maintaining them in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, structural repairs and integrity of security measures.

D. Access to the site shall be maintained at a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Services. The project owner shall be responsible for the costs of maintaining the solar energy system and any access road(s), and the cost of repairing any damage occurring as a result of operation and construction.

E. A Solar Energy System shall not be used to display advertising, including signage, streamers, pennants, tinsel, balloons, flags, banners or similar materials.

F. The manufacturer and equipment information, warning, or indication of ownership shall be allowed on any equipment of the Solar Energy System provided that they comply with the prevailing sign regulations.

G. Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from solar energy installations underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility

provider.

H. Modifications: Any material modifications or expansions to a solar energy system not permitted as-of-right, or of design that exceeds or will exceed the limits defining as-of-right systems under this bylaw, shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals as provided for here, except for routine maintenance and replacement of components.

I. Violations: it is unlawful for any person to construct, install, or operate a solar energy system that is not in compliance with this bylaw or with any condition contained in an approval or permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

J. Use: All Solar Energy Systems shall be permitted solely as an accessory use, incidental to the primary use of the property, unless otherwise permitted under the provisions of M.G. L. c. 40A, § 3.

12.3 Solar Energy Systems Permitted by Right.

12.3.1. Building-Mounted and/or Integrated Solar Energy System.

A. Solar Energy System shall be considered to be building mounted and/or integrated if it is designed to be permanently mounted on a building or other structure. This definition applies to Solar Energy Systems of any capacity that are designed to be in direct contact with a building or structure.

B. No building-mounted and/or integrated Solar Energy System shall exceed the building or structure height limits of the underlying district, unless the Building Inspector determines that that proposed facility complies with M.G. L. c 40A, § 3,

C. A building-mounted and/or integrated Solar Energy System shall not overhang more than twelve (12) inches beyond the existing roof.

D. No building-mounted and/or integrated Solar Energy System shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

E. Building-mounted and/or integrated Solar Energy Systems may be located in any zoning district.

12.3.2. Ground-Mounted and/or Pole-Mounted Solar Energy System.

A. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be considered permitted by right if said system:

1. has a gross panel area of less than 1,000 square feet;
2. is less than twelve feet in height;
3. is not located within the front yard, defined as the area between the front façade of the dwelling extended to the side property lines and extending to the street line (corner lots have two (2) front facades).

Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems not meeting any one of these criteria shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals, as provided for under Zoning Bylaw Section 12.4.

B. Setbacks. For ground- and pole-mounted Solar Energy

Systems, setbacks shall be as follows:

R1: Twenty (20) ft., front, side and rear

R2: Twenty-five (25) ft., front; twenty (20) ft., side and rear

R3 and R4: Fifty (50) ft., front, side and rear

B1: Ten (10) ft., front, five (5) ft., side and rear

B2: Twenty (20) ft., front, side and rear

Healthcare: Ten (10) ft., front, five (5) ft., side and rear.

C. The design, location and screening shall minimize the impacts on surrounding properties, maintain safe accessibility, and limit storm water runoff.

D. The inclusion of on-equipment safety and security features shall be favored over fencing and other visible, perimeter safety and security measures.

E. No ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy System shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

F. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems may be located in any zoning district, subject the provisions of Zoning Bylaw Section 12.3.2 (H).

G. Appurtenant Structures: All appurtenant structures to ground-mounted and pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be subject to Zoning Bylaw dimensional and density regulations, concerning the bulk and height of the structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation or other means and /or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

H. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall not be located within the Cottage City Historic District, Harbor District, within the Shore Zone or Island Roads District.

12.4 Solar Energy Systems Allowed by Special Permit.

12.4.1. Special Permits. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems not specifically permitted by right shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In granting a Special Permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall consider the following:

Effects on special habitats or endangered species

Impact on the character of the surrounding neighborhood

Efficacy of existing natural screening, and remedies to meet any deficiencies

Erosion, drainage and storm-water runoff

Solar access and clearing.

12.4.2. Required documents. The following documents shall be provided to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA may waive any of these requirements or impose other conditions as necessary.

A. A Site Plan showing:

1. Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;
2. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, vegetative or other screening of structures;

B. Blueprints or drawings of the solar energy system showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;

C. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including panels, mounting system, and inverter;

D. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;

F. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;

G. Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site.

12.5 Further requirements for large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems.

12.5.1 Large-scale systems. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems having a gross panel area of more than 10,000 square feet shall require a Site Plan Review prior to consideration of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Site Plan Review Committee shall consist of at least one but no more than two members each of the Town Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission. In reviewing the Site Plan, the Committee will consider;

The impact on open space

Visual impact, particularly from public roads, contiguous open spaces, protected natural areas, scenic views and ancient ways

Extent of any grading and vegetative clearing, if required

Consistency with the planning objectives of the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan, and other adopted planning objectives, for open space, development, and other parameters;

Integration and consistency with the Town's initiatives for renewable energy

12.5.2 Design Standards. The following shall be considered design standards for large-scale Solar Energy Systems.

A. Lighting: lighting of large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be shielded down to protect abutting properties, per Zoning Bylaw Section 5.4.4.1 Lighting of the Solar Energy System shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

B. Signage: Signs on large-scale ground-mounted solar

Energy Systems shall comply with Zoning Bylaw Section 5.3 (Sign Regulations). A sign consistent with the Town's sign bylaw shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. This sign shall be visibly displayed at the entrance to the installation. Solar photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising and may be used for the identification of the manufacturer or operator of the Solar Energy System only.

12.5.3 Safety and Environmental Standards.

A. Emergency Services: The large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy System owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Town's Fire Chief. The owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the Solar Energy System shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

B. Land Clearing: Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts: Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy System or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

12.5.4 Monitoring and Maintenance.

A. Solar Energy Systems Installation Conditions: The large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy System owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief and other emergency services providers. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

B. Abandonment or Decommissioning

1. Removal Requirements: Any large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy System which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Zoning Bylaw Section 12.5.4.B.2, below, shall be removed. The owner shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of the discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the ZBA by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

Decommissioning shall consist of:

- a. Physical removal of all large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site;
- b. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state and federal waste disposal regulations;
- c. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to

minimize erosion. The ZBA may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

2. Abandonment: Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the Solar Energy System shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the ZBA. If the owner of the large-scale ground-mounted Solar Energy System fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town may enter the property and physically remove the installation either with the owner's explicit consent or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

12.6 Special districts and uses

12.6.1. Agricultural land. On parcels of a minimum of five-acres area actively devoted to agricultural use, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 61A, or which otherwise enjoys protection as agricultural land under M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3, ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems may be permitted subject to all applicable provisions of this and any other town bylaw, and:

The reduction (if any) of land in agricultural use shall not cause the total remaining land in agriculture use to fall below the minimum acreage requirements under M.G.L. 61A.

Design of the ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy System shall favor concurrent use of the land for livestock grazing or similar sustainable use.

12.6.2. Contiguous open spaces. Ground-mounted and/or pole-mounted Solar Energy Systems may be located on contiguous open space, as created and defined under Zoning Bylaw 7.3.13 (Flexible Development) or its predecessor by-law. Said systems shall be allowed under the agricultural use exemption of Section 7.3.13, provided that:

A. The portion of open space dedicated to a Solar Energy System shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the contiguous open space parcel which it occupies.

B. Alternatively, if a subdivision contains multiple open spaces, a ground-based Solar Energy System may be consolidated to a single parcel of contiguous open space, and use no greater than twenty five (25) percent of the sum of the area of all its contiguous open space parcels.

C. A Solar Energy System created under Zoning Bylaw 12.6.2 shall be exempt from the requirements of 12.2 (J).

12.6.3. Community-shared solar energy system. A community-shared solar energy system is defined as a solar energy system that provides net metering credits to three or more utility accounts, whose participants have an interest in the production of the system or the entity that owns the system, in the form of formal ownership, a lease agreement or net metering contract. No more than two participants

shall receive net metering credits in excess of those produced annually by 25kW of nameplate DC capacity, and the combined share of said participants' capacity shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total capacity of the system. A community-shared solar energy system shall be exempt from the requirements of 12.2 (J). of the system.

Planning Board

2/3 vote required

Executive Summary: This by-law provides owners of residential and commercial properties the right to construct and operate building-mounted and small-scale ground mounted solar energy systems that are incidental to the primary use of the property. The by-law also provides a protocol for review of large-scale solar energy systems, exemptions for community-shared systems, certain safety and technical requirements, and guidelines for conversion of existing agricultural land.

Article 18. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,712.50 (three thousand seven hundred twelve dollars and fifty-cents) to fund its share of the Island wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC).

Island Wide Youth Council

Executive Summary: This Article seeks to provide funding to supplement the public health, prevention and wellness funds currently administered by the Board of Health. The IWYC is a joint venture of MV Community Services, YMCA, MV Hospital, the Island Public Schools and the Youth Task Force with participation from the six Island Boards of Health; with a goal of providing education and support services to children, adolescents and their families related to substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

Article 19. A motion was made and seconded on this Petition Article.

To see if the town of Oak Bluffs will vote to require Partners Healthcare to create and assume all costs of building a new Public Town Way with a greenway barrier separating the Windemere neighborhood from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital Campus, designed with the approval of the property owners of Windemere Rd. (See attached diagrams 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B). or take any other action thereto because the Public Town Way, Hospital Road, (Linton Lane, part of Windemere Rd.) and greenway barrier created in 1934, were paved over by Partners Healthcare without asking for a vote of discontinuance at a Public Town Meeting. Furthermore to see if the Town of Oak Bluffs will vote to impose a time limit of one year for approval of this warrant for Partners Healthcare to repave said Public Town Way.

Petition Article.

Moderator Duncan Ross stated that what the article is asking is not legal.

The Petitioner through his attorney requested an

amendment to the Article. As all 10 voters who signed the petition were not present at the meeting to accept an amendment, Moderator Duncan Ross ruled it Out of Order and no vote was taken.

at 11:01 pm, to close the town meeting.

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously

**Appendix A
FY 2016 Budget**

DEPT#	DEPARTMENT	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 VOTED</u>	<u>2,016 RECOMMENDED</u>
122	SELECTMEN			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	276,576	276,837	296,077
	EXPENSES	137,806	127,585	133,000
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	414,381	404,422	429,077
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	EXPENSES	3,923	5,002	5,002
	TOTAL FIN COMM	3,923	5,002	5,002
132	FIN COMM-RESERVE FUND			
	EXPENSES	3,125	57,650	57,650
	TOTAL FIN COMM-RES FUND	3,125	57,650	57,650
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	PERSONNEL SERVICES	125,510	125,489	130,845
	EXPENSES	504	1,000	1,000
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	126,014	126,489	131,845
141	ASSESSORS			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	114,265	132,124	151,251
	EXPENSES	8,234	9,400	9,400
	TOTAL ASSESSORS	122,499	141,524	160,651
144	TREASURER/ FIXED COSTS			
	EXPENSES	3,356,916	3,308,743	3,480,212
	TOTAL TREAS FIXED COSTS	3,356,916	3,308,743	3,480,212
145	TOWN TREASURER			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	72,430	73,431	76,311
	EXPENSES	29,011	33,906	34,600
	TOTAL TREASURER	101,411	107,337	110,811
146	TAX COLLECTOR			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	112,694	113,268	117,665
	EXPENSES	13,350	14,075	14,075
	TOTAL COLLECTOR	127,177	127,343	132,740

<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>VOTED</u>	<u>2,016</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	76,767	79,071	82,245
	EXPENSES	235,931	237,979	247,950
	TOTAL INFORMATION TECH	315,002	317,050	330,195
161	TOWN CLERK			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	108,590	125,860	123,056
	EXPENSES	2,755	2,325	2,325
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	111,576	128,185	125,381
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	15,553	25,000	25,000
	EXPENSES	4,070	8,825	8,825
	TOTAL BD OF REGISTRARS	18,308	33,825	33,825
171	CONSERVATION			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	64,937	64,937	67,568
	EXPENSES	4,785	4,070	4,070
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	69,722	69,007	72,138
175	PLANNING BOARD			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	5,087	5,654	15,000
	EXPENSES		2,000	2,000
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	5,087	7,654	17,000
199	UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)			
	EXPENSES	1,139,257	1,275,520	1,198,745
	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	1,139,257	1,275,520	1,198,745
210	POLICE DEPT			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	1,852,790	1,920,471	2,051,938
	EXPENSES	76,568	77,500	77,500
	TOTAL POLICE DEPT	1,929,358	1,997,971	2,129,438
220	FIRE DEPT			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	137,857	146,750	155,750
	EXPENSES	79,297	79,863	89,600
	TOTAL FIRE DEPT	217,154	226,613	245,350
231	AMBULANCE			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	293,125	312,256	276,519
	EXPENSES	36,634	25,500	38,000
	TOTAL AMBULANCE	329,759	337,756	314,519
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	175,509	153,309	169,393
	EXPENSES	1,972	5,100	4,400
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	177,481	158,409	173,793

<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 VOTED</u>	<u>2,016 RECOMMENDED</u>
249	SHELLFISH			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	119,219	125,745	132,790
	EXPENSES	43,419	49,500	49,200
	TOTAL SHELLFISH	<u>162,639</u>	<u>175,245</u>	<u>181,990</u>
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	PERSONAL SERVICE	2,500	5,000	0
	EXPENSES	41,884	16,700	21,700
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>44,384</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>
296	MARINA MANAGER			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	174,989	189,959	202,166
	EXPENSES	39,052	40,500	42,500
	TOTAL MARINA MANAGER	<u>214,041</u>	<u>230,152</u>	<u>244,666</u>
300	SCHOOL DEPT			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	4,404,930	5,892,913	7,081,699
	EXPENSES	1,563,892	852,805	
	TOTAL SCHOOL DEPT	<u>5,968,822</u>	<u>6,745,718</u>	<u>7,081,699</u>
301	M V REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL			
	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	3,673,612	4,301,456	4,780,716
	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	101,591	50,326	
	TOTAL M V DISTRICT	<u>3,775,202</u>	<u>4,351,782</u>	<u>4,780,716</u>
421	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	713,975	746,173	792,655
	EXPENSES	789,849	756,643	716,643
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	<u>1,503,824</u>	<u>1,502,816</u>	<u>1,509,298</u>
519	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	98,623	126,936	120,673
	EXPENSES	47,672	57,431	57,421
	TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	<u>146,295</u>	<u>184,367</u>	<u>178,094</u>
541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	147,357	143,650	107,574
	EXPENSES	70,383	80,958	84,194
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	<u>217,740</u>	<u>224,608</u>	<u>191,78</u>
543	VETERANS SERVICES EXPENSES	<u>47,526</u>	<u>65,500</u>	<u>61,000</u>
	TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	<u>47,526</u>	<u>65,500</u>	<u>61,000</u>
610	LIBRARY			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	326,837	327,619	348,032
	EXPENSES	136,641	140,765	140,765
	TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>463,479</u>	<u>468,384</u>	<u>488,797</u>
612	ARTS COUNCIL			
	EXPENSES	1,500	1,500	1,500
	TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

<u>DEPT#</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015 VOTED</u>	<u>2,016 RECOMMENDED</u>
630	RECREATION			
	PERSONAL SERVICES		71,700	123,200
	EXPENSES	64,202	9,500	
	TOTAL RECREATION	64,202	81,200	123,200
710	MATURING DEBT- PRINCIPAL			
	EXPENSES	2,027,157	1,751,117	1,422,645
	TOTAL DEBT PRINCIPAL	2,027,157	1,751,117	1,422,645
750	MATURING DEBT-INTEREST			
	EXPENSES	434,891	363,567	302,680
	TOTAL DEBT INTEREST	434,891	363,567	302,680
751	INTEREST TEMPORARY DEBT			
	EXPENSES	0	18,961	55,662
	TOTAL TEMP DEBT INTEREST	0	18,961	55,663
760	BOND ISSUANCE COSTS			
	EXPENSES	0	0	0
	TOTAL BOND COSTS	0	0	0
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	23,639,883	25,017,434	25,793,787
60198	WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE			
	PERSONAL SERVICES	271,923	282,295	295,045
	EXPENSES	288,294	426,631	423,691
	TOTAL WASTEWATER	560,217	708,926	718,736
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING		24,200,100	25,726,351	26,512,523
	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	686,188	703,931	703,931

APPENDIX B

Grade	Department	Position
3	Highway	Custodian (H,A)
4	BoH / Building	Admin Assistant I (H,A)
	Finance	Administrative Clerk (H,A)
	Library	Assistant (H,A)
	Police*	Asst. Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Wastewater	Junior Operator (H,A)
5	Bd of Reg	Admin Assistant II (H,P)
	Highway	Cemetery Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Highway	Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Library	Library Associate (H,A)
	Police*	Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Shellfish	Deputy Shellfish Constable (H,P)
6	Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk (H,A)
	Marina	Admin. Assistant III (H,P)
	Highway	Carpenter (H,A)
	Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator (H,A)
	Library	Children's Librarian (S,B)
	Police	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Selectmen	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
7	Fire-EMS	Firefighter EMT (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	EMT Basic (H,P)
	BOH/Building	Office Administrator (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Assistant Director (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Outreach Coordinator (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Assessor (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Accountant (H,P)
	Finance	Assistant Treasurer (H,P)
	Highway	Office Administrator I (H,A)
	Highway	Parks Foreman (H,A)
	Police	Office Admin. II (H,P)
	Police*	Patrol Officer (H,UP)
8	Fire-EMS	Office Administrator (H,P)
	Building	Admin/Local Inspector (H,A)
	Building	Zoning Administrator (H,A)
	Building I BoH	Technical Administrative Assistant (H,A)
	Selectmen	Human Resources Administrator (H,P)
	Library	Head of Adult and Technology Services (S,B)
	Wastewater	Mechanic Operator (H,A)

Grade	Department	Position
9	Wastewater	Office Admin/ Lab Tech (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Administrator (S)
	Highway	Foreman (H,A)
	Selectmen	Office Admin III (H,P)
10	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Paramedic (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Paramedic (H,P)
	Conservation	Agent (S,B)
11	BOH	Agent (S,B)
	Building	Inspector of Buildings (S,B)
	Finance	Principal Assessor (S,P)
	Finance	Tax Collector (S,P)
	Finance	Treasurer (S,P)
	Finance	Town Accountant (S,P)
	Harbor	Harbormaster/Marina Mgr (S,P)
	Library	Director (S,P)
	Police*	Sergeant (S,UP)
	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Shift Comdr. (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Shift Commander (H,P)
	Shellfish	Constable (S,P)
12	Finance	Director (S,P)
	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Lieutenant (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Lieutenant (H,P)
	Selectmen	IT Manager (S,P)
	Wastewater	Facilities Manager (S,P)
13	Fire-EMS	Captain (S,P)
	Highway	Superintendent (S,P)
	Police*	Lieutenant (S,P)
17	Police	Chief (S)
	Fire-EMS	Chief (S)
18	Town	
	Administrator	(S)

KEY:

A Union, Unit A
 B Union, Unit B
 UP Union, Police
 P Personnel Board/Non-Union
 H Hourly
 S Salaried

Pay Grade	Preliminary							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	13.69	14.10	14.52	14.96	15.41	15.87	16.34	16.83
2	14.78	15.23	15.68	16.15	16.64	17.14	12.65	18.18
3	15.97	16.44	16.94	17.45	17.97	18.51	19.06	19.64
4	17.24	17.76	18.29	18.84	19.41	19.99	20.59	21.21
5	18.62	19.18	19.76	20.35	20.96	21.59	22.24	22.90
6	20.11	20.72	21.34	21.98	22.64	23.32	24.01	24.74
7	21.72	22.37	23.04	23.74	24.45	25.18	25.94	26.71
8	23.46	24.16	24.89	25.63	26.40	27.20	28.01	28.85
9	25.34	26.10	26.88	27.68	28.52	29.37	30.25	31.16
10	27.36	28.18	29.03	29.90	30.80	31.72	32.67	33.65
11	30.10	31.00	31.93	32.89	33.88	34.89	35.94	37.02
12	33.11	34.10	35.12	36.18	37.26	38.38	39.53	40.72
13	36.42	37.51	38.64	39.80	40.99	42.22	43.49	44.79
14	40.06	41.26	42.50	43.78	45.09	46.44	47.84	49.27
15	44.07	45.39	46.75	48.15	49.60	51.09	52.62	54.20
16	48.47	49.93	51.43	52.97	54.56	56.19	57.88	59.62
17	53.32	54.92	56.57	58.27	60.01	61.81	63.67	65.58
18	58.65	60.41	62.23	64.09	66.02	68.00	70.04	72.14
19	64.52	66.45	68.45	70.50	72.62	74.80	77.04	79.35
20	70.97	73.10	75.29	77.55	79.88	82.27	84.74	87.29

APPENDIX C
Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Analysis and Recommendations

<u>Accounts For:</u>		<u>2014</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,016</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
<u>1122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN</u>				
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	16,537.50	16,500.00	16,500.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	133,386.66	133,386.00	138,763.00
51102	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	123,651.36	123,651.01	136,514.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	3,000.00	3,300.00	4,300.00
	TOTAL SALARY	276,575.52	276,837.01	296,077.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	117,133.25	105,000.00	110,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	20,672.42	22,584.53	23,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	137,805.67	127,584.53	133,000.00
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN		414,381.19	404,421.54	429,077.00
<u>1131 FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
5200	CONTRACT SERVICES	3,923.18	4,850.00	4,850.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	0.00	152.00	152.00
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE		3,923.18	5,002.00	5,002.00
<u>1132 FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.</u>				
5960	RESERVE FUND	3,125.00	57,650.00	57,650.00
TOTAL FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.		3,125.00	57,650.00	57,650.00
<u>1135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT</u>				
51101	TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARY	78,049.44	78,028.56	81,202.32
51105	ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT	46,460.61	46,460.61	48,342.42
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	125,510.05	125,489.17	130,844.74
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	503.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	503.64	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT		126,013.68	126,489.17	131,844.74
<u>1141 ASSESSORS</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	29,262.16	29,479.95	30,680.55
51102	PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR SALARY	85,002.48	85,000.00	85,000.00
51104	ADMIN CLERK	0.00	17,643.60	32,136.93
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	114,264.63	132,123.55	151,251.48
5190	TRAINING EXPENSE	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TRAINING	4,791.50	3,500.00	3,500.00
5380	CARTOGRAPHIC SERVICES	3,000.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	442.82	500.00	500.00
97000	ATM1184 TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	0.00	0.00	
97018	STM 4/12 A7 MAPPING/REVAL	0.00	0.00	
97039	A8 STM 11/13 REVAL	0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	8,234.32	9,400.00	9,400.00
TOTAL ASSESSORS		122,498.95	141,523.55	160,651.48

		<u>2014</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,016</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
<u>1144 TREASURER (FIXED P/R COST)</u>				
51900	FICA (MEDICARE)	154,177.31	175,440.00	178,948.80
51911	PENSION FUND	931,380.45	997,263.00	997,263.00
51913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	119,522.65	42,000.00	42,000.00
51916	MED. INS.-EMPLOYER CONT.	1,699,792.50	2,084,040.00	2,252,000.00
51919	MED INS RETIREE TOWN SHARE	438,801.00	0.00	
51920	GASB45	4,376.64	0.00	0.00
5212	COMPUTER P/R SERV. CON.	8,863.95	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL TREASURER (FIXED P/R CO)		3,356,916.29	3,308,743.00	3,480,211.80
<u>1145 TOWN TREASURER</u>				
51101	ASSISTANT TREASURER SALARY	71,430.48	71,431.00	76,311.92
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
51105	CLERICAL SALARY			0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	72,430.48	73,431.00	76,311.92
52200	TAX TITLE EXPENSES	8,445.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	6,177.03	2,500.00	2,500.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	486.95	1,000.00	1,000.00
5714	Admin Fees - MWPAT	13,901.80	15,406.00	15,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	29,010.78	33,906.00	34,500.00
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER		101,441.26	107,337.00	110,811.92
<u>1146 TAX COLLECTOR</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	39,463.20	39,312.00	41,052.69
51102	TAX COLLECTOR SALARY	71,430.48	71,156.80	74,311.92
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,300.00
	TOTAL SALARY	112,693.68	112,268.80	117,664.61
5190	TRAINING EXPENSE	683.96	1,000.00	1,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	13,799.76	14,075.00	14,075.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	14,483.72	15,075.00	15,075.00
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR		127,177.40	127,343.80	132,739.61
<u>1155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</u>				
51101	INFO TECH DIR SALARY	78,571.44	78,571.44	81,745.61
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	500.00	500.00	500.00
	TOTAL SALARY	79,071.44	79,071.44	82,245.20
5272	COPY MACH SERV CONTRACT	4,609.63	4,000.00	4,500.00
5320	COMPUTER TRAINING	1,964.28	6,000.00	6,000.00
5340	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	58,266.03	56,000.00	56,000.00
5343	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	100,625.95	107,500.00	115,000.00
5400	SUPPLIES	1,797.72	2,000.00	2,000.00
5726	LEASE AGREEMENTS	43,817.99	43,679.00	45,000.00
5727	HARDWARE	18,449.88	14,800.00	14,800.00
5728	SOFTWARE	6,399.50	4,000.00	4,000.00
97044	A 8 ATM FY15 SOFTWARE UPGRADE	0.00		
	TOTAL EXPENSE	235,930.97	237,979.00	247,950.00
TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		315,002.41	317,050.44	330,195.20

		<u>2014</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>ORIG BUD</u>	<u>2,016</u> <u>RECOMMENDED</u>
<u>1161 TOWN CLERK</u>				
5110	ELECTED OFFICIALS	70,675.56	78,049.44	81,171.35
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	37,114.64	46,810.40	43,446.06
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	800.00	1,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	108,590.20	125,859.77	126,517.41
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2,985.89	2,325.00	2,325.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,985.89	2,325.00	2,325.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		111,576.09	128,184.77	126,942.41
<u>1163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS</u>				
51100	CONSTABLES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	14,552.62	24,000.00	24,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	15,552.62	25,000.00	25,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2,755.27	8,825.00	8,825.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,755.27	8,825.00	8,825.00
TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS		18,307.89	33,825.00	33,825.00
<u>1171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>				
51101	CONSERVATION AGENT SALARY	64,936.80	64,936.80	67,567.58
	TOTAL SALARY	64,936.80	64,936.80	67,567.58
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	981.86	1,070.00	1,070.00
5702	MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	2,971.76	3,000.00	3,000.00
95020	SHORELINE ENGINEERING	831.51	0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,785.13	4,070.00	4,070.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION		69,721.93	69,006.80	72,137.68
<u>1175 PLANNING BOARD</u>				
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	5,086.89	5,654.00	15,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	5,086.89	5,654.00	15,000.00
5210	CONSULTING ENGINEERING	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		0.00	7,654.00	7,000.00
<u>1199 UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)</u>				
51914	INSURANCE EXPENSE	428,760.60	377,975.00	396,871.00
52000	STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	47,707.79	53,126.00	48,000.00
52019	TOWN REPORT	9,095.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
52100	SELF INSURANCE TRUST FND.	68,397.54	80,000.00	80,000.00
5211	TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES	150,024.84	169,000.00	169,000.00
5212	SAILING CAMP SERVICES	39,621.88	40,000.00	40,000.00
5218	OB RES PLACEMENT	41,000.07	45,000.00	45,000.00
5219	INFORMATION BOOTH	10,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5270	COPY PAPER	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
5273	LEASE LAND FOR DRAINAGE	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL (S+R)	0.00	0.00	

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5301	ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5302	ANNUAL AUDIT	32,000.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
5341	ADVERTISING	19,331.20	6,325.82	10,000.00
5344	POSTAGE	12,329.64	15,000.00	16,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,040.10	26,000.00	26,000.00
5622	DUKES CTY PEST MANAGEMENT	1,114.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5623	DUKES CTY HEALTH ACCESS	64,332.83	43,838.00	52,640.00
56901	MV COMMISSION ASSESSMENT	130,950.00	149,526.00	141,868.00
5700	OTHER BENEFITS	50.00	107,500.00	8,500.00
5701	TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL	9,014.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
5711	BOARD & COMM TRAINING	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
5730	REG HOUSING ASMNT	54,182.00	53,979.00	55,116.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)		1,139,256.99	1,275,519.82	1,198,75.00
<u>1210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	46,155.21	46,353.60	48,211.92
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	3,000.00	5,500.00	8,300.00
51210	POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY	138,545.68	115,922.07	119,642.40
51211	LIEUTENANT SALARY	98,696.84	98,678.88	103,021.92
51212	PATROLMEN SALARIES	741,565.60	796,675.00	675,047.32
51213	SUMMER	143,012.00	125,000.00	135,000.00
51214	PATROL SERGEANT	207,486.54	187,554.16	293,844.24
51215	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	53,097.84	53,097.84	55,248.48
51217	QUINN BILL ENCUMBRANCE	19,731.60	179,978.00	200,802.96
51292	ANIMAL CTRL OFFICER SALARY	42,262.25	42,261.12	44,941.00
5186	DETECTIVE SALARY	103,218.92	81,557.28	168,877.55
5189	ADDITIONAL SALARY EXPENSE	256,361.84	0.00	0.00
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5306	DELTA DENTAL	-344.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	1,852,790.12	1,920,470.95	2,051,937.68
54294	ANIMAL CONTROL OTHER CHARGES	145.85	1,500.00	1,500.00
5580	UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	56,099.51	54,000.00	54,000.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	20,322.91	22,000.00	22,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	76,568.27	77,500.00	77,500.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		1,929,358.39	1,997,970.95	2,129,437.68
<u>1220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>				
51101	SALARIES	124,012.30	146,750.00	150,750.00
51102	NON RELATED INCIDENTS	1,595.00	0.00	5,000.00
51103	FIRE CHIEFS SALARY	12,000.00	0.00	
51110	INCENTIVE PAY	0.00	0.00	
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	250.00	0.00	
	TOTAL SALARY	137,857.30	146,750.00	155,750.00
5243	BUILDING REPAIRS	2,368.14	8,000.00	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	76,928.52	71,863.00	89,600.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	79,296.65	79,863.00	89,600.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		217,153.95	226,613.00	245,350.00

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<u>1231 AMBULANCE SERVICE</u>				
51101	SALARIES	101,504.54	139,886.24	123,233.56
51102	AMBULANCE CHIEFS SALARY	84,459.60	54,570.00	58,485.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	3,550.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
5130	HOLIDAY/OVERTIME PAY	29,600.00	24,000.00	12,000.00
51400	SHIFT PAY	74,010.00	80,300.00	80,300.00
	TOTAL SALARY	293,124.54	300,756.24	276,518.56
5780	TRAINING & TUITION	545.00	11,500.00	
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	36,089.30	25,500.00	38,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	36,634.30	37,000.00	38,000.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		329,758.84	337,756.24	314,518.56
<u>1241 BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>				
51100	ZONING ADMIN SALARY	5,426.19	5,426.16	
51101	BLDG ADMIN SALARIES	21,786.09	18,991.93	50,550.48
51102	BUILDING INSPECTOR	61,023.12	63,454.32	78,842.88
51104	ADMIN. CLERK'S SALARY	24,497.60	25,437.00	
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	0.00	0.00	
51242	SEPARATE INSPECTORS	62,775.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
	TOTAL SALARY	175,508.50	153,309.44	169,393.36
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	971.88	1,200.00	1,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	499.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	100.00	400.00	400.00
5780	INSTRUCTIONAL & CONF.	406.96	2,500.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	1977.23	5,100.00	4,400.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR		177,480.83	158,409.44	173,793.36
<u>1249 SHELLFISH</u>				
51101	CONSTABLE SALARY/SALARIES	40,584.80	40,735.94	42,402.00
51102	SHELLFISH DIRECTORS SALARY	71,430.48	71,430.48	74,312.00
51103	SHELLFISH LABORER	3,948.00	10,022.40	11,927.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,800.00
5130	HOLIDAY	2,256.00	2,256.00	2,349.00
	TOTAL SALARY	19,219.28	125,744.82	132,790.00
5214	WATER MONITORING	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
52249	TWN SH-MARINE BIOLOGIST	35,000.00	36,000.00	37,000.00
5311	SHELLFISH LABORER	200.00	1,300.00	
5420	SUPPLIES	4,986.01	2,200.00	2,200.00
5713	TRAVEL CONF. & DUES	1,962.35	2,000.00	2,000.00
5881	EQUIPMENT	1,271.13	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	43,419.49	49,500.00	49,200.00
TOTAL SHELLFISH		167,638.77	175,244.82	181,990.00
<u>1291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
5100	PERSONAL SERVICES	2,500.00	5,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL SALARY	2,500.00	5,000.00	0.00

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5584	BOAT EXPENSE	7,723.38	8,500.00	10,500.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	7,004.28	8,200.00	11,200.00
59999	ENCUMBRANCES	27,156.39	0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSE	41,884.05	16,700.00	21,700.00
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		44,384.05	21,700.00	21,700.00
<u>1296 MARINA MANAGER</u>				
51101	SALARIES	92,183.70	107,154.40	116,104.32
51102	HARBOR MASTERS SALARY	80,305.12	80,304.48	83,561.76
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	TOTAL SALARY	174,988.82	189,958.88	202,166.08
5240	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	22,096.13	23,000.00	25,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	16,955.95	17,500.00	17,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	39,052.09	40,500.00	42,500.00
TOTAL MARINA MANAGER		214,040.91	230,458.88	244,668.08
<u>1300 SCHOOL</u>				
5000	FIXED EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	
5001	FIXED SALARIES	0.00	0.00	
5100	ADMINISTRATION	4,404,929.99	5,892,812.92	7,081,699.32
5200	INSTRUCTIONAL	1,543,523.03	852,804.75	
5201	INSTRUCTION SALARIES	19,806.74	0.00	
5400	SERVICE	0.00	0.00	
5401	SERVICE SALARIES	0.00	0.00	
5700	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	562.63	0.00	
5701	MAINTENANCE SALARIES	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL SCHOOL		5,968,822.39	6,745,717.67	7,081,699.32
<u>1301 MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS</u>				
5690	MVRHS DISTRICT ASSESS	3,673,611.67	4,301,456.90	4,780,716.11
5800	MVRHS CAPITAL OUTLAY	101,590.68	50,326.10	
TOTAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG		3,775,202.35	4,351,783.00	4,780,716.11
<u>1421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	106,242.72	108,424.62	116,625.24
51102	SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	94,440.24	94,440.24	98,240.40
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	7,700.00	7,700.00	9,375.00
5130	OTHER WAGES	99,332.82	126,028.00	136,028.00
5131	HOLIDAY/ MISC OVERTIME	31,638.99	35,000.00	35,000.00
5132	SNOW/ ICE WAGES	22,649.61	10,000.00	15,000.00
51422	LABORER/MECHANIC SALARIES	351,970.15	364,580.06	382,385.88
	TOTAL SALARY	713,974.53	746,172.92	792,654.52
5216	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	124,937.69	100,000.00	100,000.00
5217	FUEL	110,482.90	125,000.00	125,000.00
5240	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	40,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00
5241	TIPPING FEES	126,165.65	140,000.00	140,000.00
5242	REPAIR OF TRUCKS & EQUIP.	93,087.77	60,000.00	80,000.00
5245	RECYCLING MATERIAL DISP.	10,581.70	21,000.00	21,000.00

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5291	SNOW REMOVAL	67,089.88	130,000.00	30,000.00
5292	COLLECTION OF OFFAL	9,773.18	6,000.00	6,000.00
5293	MAINT FARM POND CULVERT	725.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
5294	BEAUTIFICATION & MAINTENANCE	14,999.88	15,000.00	15,000.00
5295	RUBBISH TRUCK LEASE	61,726.00	65,343.00	65,353.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	91,092.08	74,300.00	74,300.00
58422	RESURFACING ROADS	39,187.55	40,000.00	40,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	789,849.28	756,643.00	756,643.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION		1,503,823.81	1,502,815.92	1,509,297.52
<u>1519 BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	0.00	25,473.60	
51105	CLERICAL SALARY	18,627.84	18,991.65	37,472.00
5120	SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT	8,564.25	11,040.00	11,040.00
51520	HEALTH AGENTS SALARY	71,430.48	71,430.48	72,161.18
	TOTAL SALARY	98,622.57	126,935.73	120,673.18
5246	HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL	8,381.95	14,000.00	14,000.00
5301	PUB. HEALTH NURSING SERV.	17,203.75	25,270.00	25,270.00
5303	ADVERTISING/POSTAGE	253.37	540.00	540.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	2,291.36	4,000.00	4,000.00
5701	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	0.00	160.00	160.00
5717	SCHOOL SEMINARS & TRAIN.	100.00	135.00	135.00
5730	DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	60.00	105.00	105.00
5731	LANDFILL TESTING	19,381.33	13,221.00	13,211.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	47,671.76	57,431.00	57,421.00
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH		146,294.33	184,366.73	178,094.18
<u>1541 COUNCIL ON AGING</u>				
51101	SALARIES	81,346.26	81,162.56	107,574.00
51102	COA DIRECTORS SALARY	65,150.40	61,387.20	0.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	860.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL SALARY	147,356.66	143,649.76	108,634.00
5350	OLDER AMER. ACTS (ICOA)	9,230.43	0.00	
5351	SOCIAL DAY CARE (ICOA)	29,690.37	0.00	
5352	OFFICE EXPENSE (ICOA)	26,669.04	72,458.00	74,633.62
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,793.10	8,500.00	8,500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	70,382.94	80,958.00	83,133.62
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING		217,739.60	224,607.76	191,767.62
<u>1543 VETERANS' SERVICES</u>				
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	0.00	500.00	500.00
5770	BENEFIT PAYMENTS	47,526.34	65,000.00	60,500.00
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES		47,526.34	65,500.00	62,000.00
<u>1610 LIBRARY</u>				
51101	SALARIES	260,099.72	258,137.22	278,403.90
51102	LIBRARY DIRECTORS SALARY	65,072.70	67,317.12	68,663.30
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,665.00	2,165.00	965.00
	TOTAL SALARY	326,837.42	327,619.34	348,032.20

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5200	LIBRARY PROGRAMS	2,672.47	3,000.00	3,000.00
5511	BOOKS & PERIODICALS	95,912.03	96,145.00	96,145.00
5582	SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	8,190.68	8,200.00	8,200.00
5711	EDUCATION & TRAINING	3,148.34	3,720.00	3,720.00
5799	COMPUTER AUTOMATION	26,717.89	29,700.00	29,700.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	136,641.41	140,765.00	140,765.00
TOTAL LIBRARY		463,478.83	468,384.34	488,797.20
<u>1612 ARTS COUNCIL</u>				
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<u>1630 RECREAT/ON</u>				
51101	FOREMANS SALARY	0.00	0.00	
51105	SALARIES	54,705.10	71,700.00	71,700.00
5488	BAND CONCERTS	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
5200	OCEAN PARK MAINTENANCE			40,000.00
5700	OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES	4,996.65	5,000.00	7,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	64,201.75	81,200.00	123,200.00
TOTAL RECREATION		64,201.75	81,200.00	123,200.00
<u>1710 MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL</u>				
5910	WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	131,317.63	130,695.89	13,336.21
5912	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
5927	CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	535,000.00	230,000.00	
5932	WASTEWATER	659,232.73	685,822.92	705,850.39
5933	BULKHEAD PROJECT DEBT	0.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
5934	LANDFILL CAPPING PRINCIPAL	99,606.98	104,597.88	108,458.35
5937	LEONARDO PROPERTY PURCHASE	230,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
5938	SENSE DREDGING	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
5941	2012WW CAMPUS AREA	197,000.00	125,000.00	120,000.00
5942	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,027,157.34	1,751,116.69	1,422,644.95
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL		2,027,157.34	1,751,116.69	1,422,644.95
<u>1750 MATURING DEBT-INTEREST</u>				
5910	WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	43,092.21	40,504.17	37,863.95
5912	LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION	88,375.00	80,937.50	73,062.50
5927	CONST. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	30,600.00	9,200.00	
5932	WASTEWATER	159,274.14	135,480.23	150,169.59
5933	BULKHEAD PROJECT DEBT	22,262.50	17,387.50	12,512.50
5934	LANDFILL CAPPING INTEREST	12,421.73	8,882.87	5,155.83
5937	LEONARDO PROPERTY PURCHASE	17,125.00	13,375.00	9,625.00
5938	SENSE DREDGING	0.00	10,700.00	9,800.00
5941	2012WW CAMPUS AREA	61,740.00	42,100.00	4,500.00
5942	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	5,000.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSE	434,890.58	363,567.27	302,680.27
TOTAL MATURING DEBT-INTEREST		434,890.58	363,567.27	302,680.27

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<u>1751 INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT</u>				
59143	INTEREST ON ABATEMENTS	0.00	0.00	
5915	WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	10,000.00	
5926	INTEREST ON TANS/RANS	0.00	0.00	
5932	WASTEWATER	0.00	5,661.00	
5934	LANDFILL CAPPING INTEREST	0.00	3,300.00	
5997	FIRE STATION			58,661.88
	TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	18,961.00	58,661.88
TOTAL INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT		0.00	18,961.00	58,661.88
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		23,639,882.21	25,017,424.60	25,795,348.57
<u>60198 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>				
51101	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	170,334.48	183,890.40	190,879.12
51102	FACILITY MANAGER	80,910.00	80,605.00	83,865.60
51108	OVERTIME	18,878.43	16,000.00	18,500.00
51140	LONGEVITY PAY	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	TOTAL SALARY	271,922.91	282,295.40	29,044.72
51914	INSURANCE EXPENSE	0.00	76,737.00	63,335.00
5215	UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	27,049.00	30,038.00	40,000.00
5300	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	19,839.81	20,000.00	20,000.00
5340	COMMUNICATION	29,925.81	35,000.00	35,000.00
5400	WWSUPPLIES	4,166.64	4,193.00	4,193.00
5402	CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	30,104.93	30,000.00	30,000.00
5420	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,681.31	1,674.00	1,674.00
5700	GAS/FUEL	10,564.71	11,662.00	11,662.00
5702	BLDG MAINTENCE	6,039.63	6,091.00	6,091.00
5704	SLUDGE DISPOSAL	83,091.50	85,000.00	85,000.00
5705	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	35,413.67	40,000.00	40,000.00
5706	REPLACE EQUIPMENT	34,533.26	50,000.00	50,000.00
5707	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1,879.17	2,304.00	2,304.00
5710	TRAVEL EXPENSES	1,412.14	1,500.00	1,500.00
5711	TRAINING & SEMINARS	2,258.56	2,500.00	3,000.00
5730	MEMBERSHIPS	334.00	400.00	400.00
5750	CONTINGENCY	0.00	29,532.00	29,532.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	288,294.14	426,631.00	423,891.00
TOTAL WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE		560,217.05	708,926.40	718,735.72
GRAND TOTAL		24,200,099.26	25,726,351.00	25,514,084.29
5961	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND	686,186.00	703,931.00	703,931.00

APPENDIX D

Ambulance Transport Service Budget Funded through the Ambulance Reserve Account

	Budget FY 2015	Budget FY 2016
SALARIES	\$ 601,379.34	\$ 774,562.17
CHIEF SALARY	\$ 55,452.88	\$ 58,485.00
OVERTIME	\$ 112,401.17	\$ 65,000.00
LONGEVITY	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 110,670.84	\$ 121,737.84
EXPENSES/MAINTENANCE	\$ 94,524.38	\$ 70,000.00
COMSTAR BILLING	\$ 81,330.00	\$ 80,000.00
FUEL	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
STEAMSHIP	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 6,000.00
	\$1,102,138.61	\$1,217,385.01

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 16, 2015

The election was held at the Meeting Room at the Oak Bluffs Library and pursuant to the Annual Town Meeting warrant Article 16, polls were declared open at 10:00 a.m. by Constable George Warren. Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Plesz, Katherine Collins, John Cummings, Anne Cummings, Margaret Stafursky and Sarah Adams were in attendance to see to the needs of the voters. Deborah Ratcliff and Virginia Coutinho arrived later to assist.

At 7:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed. The ballot box indicated that a total of 1028 voters had participated in this election, 86 of these were by absentee ballot. The total number of registered voters is 3679 thereby reflecting the percentage of participation as 28%.

The preliminary results were announced at 7:05PM. All the ballots were then reviewed to record the counts of write-in candidates. At 8:30 PM all election materials were then sealed and returned to the Town Hall to be stored for the prescribed time and the election results were posted on the Town Bulletin Board .

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, Two for three years

Kathleen A. Burton	509
Gregory A. Coogan	531
Blanks /Others	116

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER, One for three years

William A. White	762
Blanks/Others	266

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, One for three years

Jesse B. Law III	763
Blanks/Others	265

PARK COMMISSION, One for three years

Alan A. deBettencourt Sr	746
Blanks/Others	282

PLANNING BOARD, One for five years

Robert "Bo" W. Fehl	670
Blanks/Others	358

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, One for three years

Kristine A. O'Brien	706
Blanks/Others	322

FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

Three for three years

Steven Auerbach	669
Raymond Taylor	729
Jason M. Balboni	710
Blanks/Others	976

FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

One for one year

Robert V. Huss	693
Blanks/Others	335

TREE WARDEN, One for 3 years

Joseph M. deBettencourt	754
Blanks/Others	274

WASTEWATER COMMISSIONER,

One for three years

Hans O. Vonsteiger	664
Blanks/Others	364

WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,

One for three years

Nelson S. Oliver	765
Blanks/Others	263

NON BINDING QUESTION

Should the Town of Oak Bluffs cease adding fluoride to the drinking water?

Yes	281
No	646
Blanks	101

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT
APRIL 30, 2015**

All those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Moderator, Jesse B. Law III called the meeting to order on Thursday April 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M with 55 of the 3679 registered voters in attendance and acted on the one article presented for this Special Town Meeting.

Article 1. Voted by a majority to approve the indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new administrative building, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

After a presentation by the Superintendent's Office and much discussion and questions, this Article passed by a majority. It should be noted that because all 6 Towns on the Island did not vote in favor the project, it will have to be presented Island wide again.

Moderator Jack Law adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Moderator Jesse B. Law III declared we had a quorum and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM at the Oak Bluffs School, Tradewinds Road, Oak Bluffs, with 75 of the 3723 registered voters in attendance increasing to 116 during the course of the evening.

The assembly was asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence for the sad news about Paris and also for Yannia Meersseman who lives in Oak Bluffs, for his son who was injured in the attack. The moderator then asked for another moment of silence in memory of Donald Billings and Robert Phillips who both served as Oak Bluffs firemen for many, many years.

The voters then acted upon the posted warrant articles as follows:

Article 1. A motion was made and seconded to vote this article as printed in the warrant. The article passed by more than the required 9/10ths vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625 to pay prior year bills as listed below.

1. Vineyard Heating and Cooling	\$1,625.00
Total:	\$1,625.00

Town Accountant

Executive Summary: This article pays bills incurred in a prior fiscal year. Massachusetts law requires Town Meeting vote to pay this invoice by a 9/10ths vote.

Article 2. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant with funds to be raised and appropriated, seconded and voted unanimously the sum of \$120,000 to fund the Maturing Debt Principal Account, and vote to transfer from available funds and/or raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,234.25 to fund the Maturing Debt Interest Account.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article corrects the annual appropriation made for Wastewater Debt Principal by adding \$120,000 to the original appropriation to reflect the actual amounts due for fiscal year 2016. The article also adds \$185,234.25 for the first interest payment due on the Fire Station Construction, Road Improvement, Fuel Facility and Town Hall Design bonds issued in September, 2015.

Article 3. A motion was made that this article be voted as printed in the Warrant, was seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from the Fuel Special Revenue Account the sum of \$100,543.75, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,217.50, for a total of \$140,761.25 to fund the Temporary Debt Account for the purpose of paying off short-term debt for the fuel facility, Town Hall Feasibility Design and Fire Station Feasibility Design.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article appropriates funds to pay off short term notes issued for multiple purposes

including \$100,543.75 for the construction of the harbor fuel facility, \$15,081.56 for the Town Hall feasibility study and \$25,135.94 for the Fire Department feasibility study. Paying off these notes helps the Town avoid issuing long-term bonding for these small amounts and saves money in long-term debt service costs.

Article 4. A motion was made to vote the article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to the Selectmen's Unclassified Account for the purpose of funding a special education residential placement for the Oak Bluffs School.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article provided funds to support the off-island residential placement of an Oak Bluffs School student for the 2015-2016 school year. The total length of the residential placement is not known at this time, or whether State funds may be available to pay a portion of the costs. A placement for the entire fiscal year with no State funding may cost \$233,854.54. It is hoped that the funds appropriated herein will cover the Town's liability for this placement for this year, but future Town Meeting action may be required if the placement extends to a full year and no State funds are available.

Article 5. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, was seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from available funds in the Town's Seaview Beach Railing Account (01630 97065) the sum of \$30,000 to the Replace Beach Stairs Account (01630 97066).

Parks Commission

Executive Summary: This Article transfers existing funds left over in the Railing Repair Account to provide the additional funding required to make repairs to the Beach Stairs in the vicinity of Samoset Ave.

Article 6. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the warrant with the exception of deleting #2. The motion to amend this article was seconded and voted unanimously. The amended article was seconded and voted unanimously to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund Balance the following project grants, based on the Community Preservation Committee's recommendations, to spend a total of \$385,000. Each project shall be considered a separate appropriation.

1. Lagoon Pond Permeable Barrier feasibility study: To see if the Town will appropriate a total of \$5,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for a joint study with Tisbury to determine to what extent these barriers decrease nitrogen entering Lagoon Pond.

2. (This particular project was deleted in the motion)

North Bluff Seawall and Boardwalk Project: To see if the Town will appropriate \$230,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the contingency portion of the total

construction costs for the project to build a seawall and boardwalk at the North Bluff.

3. Niantic Park Restoration, part 3: To see if the Town will appropriate \$150,000 from the Undesignated Fund in order to make Niantic Park compliant with state and federal accessibility laws, for sidewalks and parking surfaces, and to restore the tennis courts.

Community Preservation Committee

Executive Summary: This article authorizes the expenditure of funds collected through the Town's Community Preservation Act program to be used as specified in the Article. Funds are collected through a 3% surcharge on property tax bills, matched by funds from the State.

Article 7. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Wastewater Enterprise Retained Earnings Account or from other available funds to the Wastewater Consulting and Engineering Account.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article provides matching funds for the Lagoon Pond Permeable Barrier Feasibility Study which was partially funded in Article 6 of this warrant. The total estimate for this regional study is \$20,000, with \$5,000 coming from the Community Preservation Act and the remaining \$10,000 coming from an appropriation by the Town of Tisbury.

Article 8. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to transfer from the Waterways Account the sum of \$50,000 for repair and replacing harbor floats.

Harbormaster

Executive Summary: This Article provides funds to repair and replace harbor floats, which includes a realignment of the dingy dock system to accommodate safety and better serve the increased demand for dock transportation to temporary moorings.

Articl 9. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted by a Majority and Four opposed to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$46,950 to pay the County of Dukes County the fiscal year 2016 Annual assessment for the purchase of the former VNA building for adult day care services.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article provides funds for the first year assessment of the Dukes County purchase of a building for the Center for Living Adult Day Care Program as approved at the April, 2015 Annual Town Meeting

Article 10. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to amend its Personnel By-law, Section 5.6 as follows:

Current By-Law, strike the following language:

5.6 Probation Period

5.6.1. Probationary Period – The first 90 days of employment – During this period, the supervisor and the employee both assess the employee's ability to fill the position.

Propose new By-law, add language as follows:

5.6 Probation Period

5.6.1 All newly appointed and promoted employees shall be required to successfully complete a probationary period to begin immediately upon the employee's starting date or promotion date and to continue for a six (6) month period. The probationary period shall be used by the appointing authority and department head to observe and evaluate the employee's attitude, conduct and work habits.

5.6.2 Upon expiration of the probationary period the appointing authority shall notify the probationary employee in writing that:

(a) The employee's performance meets satisfactory standards and the individual will be retained in the position.

(b) The employee's performance, due to extenuating circumstances, requires additional observation and that the probationary period will be extended an additional period of time not too exceed three (3) months, in which case the employee will be informed of the reasons for the extension.

(c) The employee's performance, attitude, conduct was unsatisfactory and termination will occur.

5.6.3. The employee at any time during the probationary period may be removed by an appointing authority if it is revealed that the employee intentionally falsified information relating to the application for employment, was unable or unwilling to perform the required duties, or displays conduct, habits or dependability which did not merit continuing the employee in the position. The employee shall be notified in writing of the reasons for the termination and the effective date of the action. The employee may not appeal the termination.

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This Article seeks to update and improve the provisions of the Personnel Bylaw related to the probationary period for new employees.

Article 11. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to amend its Personnel Bylaw, Section 16.1 as follows:

Current By-law, Strike the following:

16.1. Medical Insurance

16.1.1. Newly hired permanent full time employees are eligible for medical and life insurance coverage immediately upon employment with the Town. Permanent part time employees working at least 20 hours per week are eligible after 60 days of employment.

Amended to add the following:

16.1. Medical Insurance

Newly hired full-time and part-time regular employees are eligible for medical and life insurance coverage after a 90 waiting period from their start date.

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This Article amends the provisions of the Personnel Bylaw related to medical and life insurance to conform to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws for these benefits.

Article 12. A motion was made and seconded and voted unanimously to accept the amended Personnel Bylaw: Schedule A Classification System and Schedule B Compensation Plan as follows:

Grade	Department	Position
3	Highway	Custodian (H,A)
4	Finance	Admin. Assistant –Assessor/ Treasurer (H,P)
	Finance	Administrative Clerk (H,A)
	Library	Assistant (H,A)
	Police*	Asst. Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Wastewater	Junior Operator (H,A)
5	Bd of Registrars	Admin Assistant II (H,P)
	Highway	Cemetery Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Highway	Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Library	Library Associate (H,A)
	BOH	Admin. Assistant (H,A)
	Police*	Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Shellfish	Deputy Shellfish Constable (H,P)
6	Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk (H,A)
	Marina	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Highway	Carpenter (H,A)
	Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator (H,A)
	Library	Children's Librarian (S,B)
	Police	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Selectmen	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
7	Fire-EMS	Firefighter EMT (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	EMT Basic (H,P)
	Building	Office Administrator (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Assistant Director (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Outreach Coordinator (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Assessor (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Accountant (H,P)
	Finance	Assistant Treasurer (H,P)
	Highway	Office Administrator I (H,A)
	Highway	Parks Foreman (H,A)
	Police	Office Admin II (H,P)
	Police*	Patrol Officer (H, UP)

Grade	Department	Position
8	Fire-EMS	Office Administrator (H, P)
	Building	Admin/Local Inspector (H,A)
	Building	Zoning Administrator (H,A)
	Selectmen	Human Resources Administrator (H,P)
	Library	Head of Adult and Technology Services (S,B)
	Wastewater	Mechanic Operator (H,A)
9	Wastewater	Office Admin / Lab Tech (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Administrator (S)
	Highway	Foreman (H,A)
	Selectmen	Office Admin III (H,P)
10	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Paramedic (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Paramedic (H,P)
	Conservation	Agent (S,B)
11	BOH	Agent (S,B)
	Building	Inspector of Buildings (S,B)
	Finance	Principal Assessor (S,P)
	Finance	Tax Collector (S,P)
	Finance	Treasurer (S,P)
	Finance	Town Accountant (S,P)
	Marina	Harbormaster/Marina Manager (S,P)
	Library	Director (S,P)
	Police*	Sergeant (S,UP)
	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Shift Commander (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Shift Commander (H,P)
	Shellfish	Constable (S,P)
12	Finance	Director (S,P)
	Fire-EMS	Firefighter Lieutenant (H,P)
	Fire-EMS	Lieutenant (H,P)
	Selectmen	IT Manager (S,P)
	Wastewater	Facilities Manager (S, P)
13	Fire-EMS	Captain (S,P)
	Highway	Superintendent (S,P)
	Police*	Lieutenant (S,P)
17	Police	Chief (S)
	Fire-EMS	Chief (S)
18	Town Administrator	(S)

KEY:

- A Union, Unit A
- B Union, Unit B
- UP Union, Police
- P Personnel Board/Non-union
- H Hourly
- S Salaried
- * Preliminary

Schedule B Compensation Plan:

Pay Grade	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	13.96	14.38	14.81	15.26	15.71	16.19	16.67	17.17
2	15.08	15.53	16.00	16.48	16.97	17.48	18.01	18.55
3	16.29	16.77	17.28	17.80	18.33	18.88	19.45	20.03
4	17.59	18.12	18.66	19.22	19.80	20.39	21.00	21.63
5	19.00	19.57	20.15	20.76	21.38	22.02	22.68	23.36
6	20.51	21.13	21.76	22.42	23.09	23.78	24.50	25.23
7	22.16	22.82	23.51	24.21	24.94	25.68	26.46	27.25
8	23.93	24.65	25.39	26.15	26.93	27.74	28.57	29.43
9	25.84	26.62	27.42	28.24	29.09	29.96	30.86	31.78
10	27.91	28.75	29.61	30.50	31.41	32.36	33.33	34.33
11	30.70	31.62	32.57	33.55	34.55	35.59	36.66	37.76
12	33.77	34.78	35.83	36.90	38.01	39.15	40.32	41.53
13	37.15	38.26	39.41	40.59	41.81	43.07	44.36	45.69
14	40.86	42.09	43.35	44.65	45.99	47.37	48.79	50.26
15	44.95	46.30	47.69	49.12	50.59	52.11	53.67	55.28
16	49.44	50.93	52.46	54.03	55.65	57.32	59.04	60.81
17	54.39	56.02	57.70	59.43	61.22	63.05	64.94	66.89
18	59.83	61.62	63.47	65.38	67.34	69.36	71.44	73.58
19	65.81	67.78	69.82	71.91	74.07	76.29	78.58	80.94
20	72.39	74.56	76.80	79.10	81.48	83.92	86.44	89.03

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This article updates the Town's wage and classification plan.

Article 13. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted by a majority with 4 opposed to amend the Town Bylaws, Chapter XV, Selectmen, Section 0 relating to Town Hall Hours, by deleting the phrase, "open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.", and inserting in its place the phrase, "open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.".

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article amends the Town bylaw establishing the hours of Town Hall. The Town Hall has historically operated within the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the Town has established and funded administrative union positions to operate those hours. The 8:30-4:30 bylaw has never been implemented. Implementation of the 4:30 closing would require union negotiation and would cost \$8,670.42 in additional salaries for January 1-June 30 during fiscal year 2016, \$17,772.80 during fiscal year 2017 and \$18,127.76 in fiscal year 2018, a total of \$44,570.97 for the next 2 ½ years. Thereafter the cost would rise by any future cost of living increases and steps. The Selectmen feel that the additional cost of implementing the bylaw is not a necessary expense, and are seeking to retain the current Town hall hours.

Article 14. A motion was made to vote this article as printed the Warrant, seconded and voted unanimously to amend Chapter XV(M) of the General By-Laws, entitled "Sale of Town Owned Land and Resident Homesite", by replacing all references to the "Oak Bluffs Resident Homesite Committee" ("RHC") therein with the "Town of Oak Bluffs Municipal Housing Trust Under G. L. c. 44, § 55C ("the Housing Trust"), which Trust is recorded with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 1383, at Page 897. References to the RHC are in Sections 2(a); 2(g); 2(i); 2(j)(6); 2(k)(1) & (3) of the present version of the By-law.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This seeks to transfer the responsibilities of the now defunct Resident Homesite Committee to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust, which was established to manage the Town's Affordable Housing programs.

Article 15. A motion was made to vote this article as printed in the Warrant, seconded and voted by a majority with 3 opposed and 3 abstaining to amend the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Articles of Agreement as follows:

The following would be added to the end of Section 1:

"Within the first ninety (90) days of appointment, if for some reason, the Up-Island member who fills the "Member Town" seat for a particular Town is unable or unwilling to serve on the Regional High School Committee, the Board of Selectmen of that Town shall appoint the member of the Up-Island Committee who resides in that Town and received the next highest number of votes to serve as its representative."

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: In June, 2014 the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District voted unanimously to join with the Up-Island Regional School District to ask the voters of the six member Towns to amend its Articles of Agreement to allow a change in the manner in which Up-Island representatives are selected. This amendment only affects the representatives of the three Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury which comprise the Up-Island Regional School District.

With all articles voted at 7:21 PM, the Moderator made a motion to adjourn the Meeting, it was seconded and voted unanimously.

ATTEST:

LAURA B. JOHNSTON
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

RETURNS OF DEATHS RECORDED IN 2015

Date	Name	Age	Residence
JANUARY			
12	VIRGINIA A. HALL	74	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	BEATRICE G. VIERA	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	MARILYN HARDESTER DAWSON	82	TISBURY, MA
20	NICHOLAS SIMEON CRISTEA	81	EDGARTOWN, MA
27	CLAIRE SHIRLEY GIBSON	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
FEBRUARY			
2	MARGARET SUE PEAK	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
4	ALICE MARY CHARLTON	72	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	MEVERELL E. GOOD	91	TISBURY, MA
9	LOUISE C. HORTON	89	TISBURY, MA
10	SHIRLEY EBERLIN WARD	98	TISBURY, MA
13	HENRY UNCZUR	88	TISBURY, MA
22	NOAH TELLER BLOCK	76	WEST TISBURY, MA
MARCH			
3	VIRGINIA LOUISE BLAKESLEY	93	WEST TISBURY, MA
9	MARGUERITE CECILIA WOOD	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	GENEVA ROBERTA THURMOND	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	KATHRYN B. STEWART	90	TISBURY, MA
23	LYDIA C. LENZ	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	ROBERT J. CARROLL	90	EDGARTOWN, MA
APRIL			
5	RUTH ELAINE VAN BRAKLE	73	EDGARTOWN, MA
8	CHARLES STUART BLANK	76	OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	MARION MACKAY	77	TISBURY, MA
19	NORMAN SYLVESTER REED	91	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	HELEN M. ESTABROOK	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	ELSIE MAE LANDERS	83	OAK BLUFFS, MA
MAY			
1	LILLIAN MINERVA GARVIN	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	SOPHIE SILVERMAN	102	OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	MARY GERTRUDE KNOWLTON	103	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	EMMA CROWELL CARMICHAEL	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	ELIZABETH ANN JETTE	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	EDWARD WILSON HEWITT	88	EDGARTOWN, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
MAY			
17	DANIEL LLOYD MAYHEW	69	WEST TSIBURY, MA
23	PETER JAMES HATHAWAY	71	EDGARTOWN, MA
23	BEATRICE JEAN SILVA	84	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	LOUISE W. THOMAS	98	OAK BLUFFS, MA
JUNE			
18	JEFFREY HOWARD SULLIVAN	65	OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	CIARA RENEE BISHOP	24	EVERETT, MA
21	CHERANNE LYN WILLOUGHBY	33	OAK BLUFFS, MA
28	GORDON RAYMOND LONG	83	OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	RICHARD HUGO SANTOS	80	TISBURY, MA
JULY			
5	VIVIAN A. DEBETTENCOURT	80	OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	RAMANATHAN GNANADESIKAN	82	TUCSON, AZ
16	JOSETTE MYRIAM EBBS	83	TISBURY, MA
16	JEAN KATHARINE KAY	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
AUGUST			
4	EDMUND JOSEPH BERNARD	84	OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	PATSYANN MAITLAND GENTSCH	76	ENGLEWOOD, FL
9	WILLIAM FLOYD LAWSON	63	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	RUSSELL MARTIN COTE	78	WEST TISBURY, MA
25	FORTUNATA P. METELL	90	OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	DEAN LINDALE LEWIS	57	BROOKFIELD, CT
29	GARY WAYNE WALLCAE	49	NATICK, MA
30	RONALD WEST	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
SEPTEMBER			
3	PRISCILLA P. PARRIS	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
5	MARLEA L. PENBERTH	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	RICHARD WILLIAM BLANKENSHIP	70	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	PHILIP A. TUCKER SR.	82	BOURNE, MA
21	AGNES HELEN RICE	90	TISBURY, MA
22	BARBARA ANN BABCOCK	83	TISBURY, MA
24	ELLEN SONYA ORLEANS	89	TISBURY, MA
24	WILLIAM BRIAN WHITE JR	37	OAK BLUFFS, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
OCTOBER			
10	CARL EDWARD GREEN	87	OAK BLUFFS, MA
12	LEO M COHEN	80	EDGARTOWN, MA
14	LORRAINE M. HOGGAN	93	OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	LORRAINE COTTLE	63	BARNSTABLE, MA
28	ROGER ALAN NEUHOFF	87	N. PALM BEACH, FL
31	WILLIAM CHARLES MILL	87	TISBURY, MA
NOVEMBER			
1	ROBERT EDWARD PHILLIPS	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
4	DONALD R. BILLINGS	84	OAK BLUFFS, MA
5	GEORGETTE RHEA VERMETTE	87	OAK BLUFFS, MA
5	JACK SCHIMMELMAN	67	OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	MARION GWENDOLYN THOMAS	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	STEPHEN L. ROBINSON	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	GERALDO AFONSO FERREIRA	55	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	GEORGE G. SZILASSY	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	JUANITA HAZEL JACKSON	95	TISBURY, MA
21	MARY KIDDER ROGERS	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	HAKEEM S. M. MADISON	25	BOSTON, MA
29	JONAH ELIAS TALBOT	32	TISBURY, MA
30	NANCY WHITMORE BERMUDEZ	82	TISBURY, MA
DECEMBER			
4	REBECCA ELLEN GREER	51	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	JAMES EDWARD BARRETT	79	WEST TISBURY, MA
19	ISOBEL S. COFFIN	82	MELROSE, MA
22	MARY ANN ALWARDT	77	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	NORMA E. GAUDREAU	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
31	LAWRENCE STEPHEN BART	63	TISBURY, MA

RETURNS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2015

Date	Name	Residence
FEBRUARY		
14	KEVIN PATRICK CASEY JESSICA LYNN WHITELEY	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	JEAN-MARIE MARTIN TSA MARIE MCCORD	CHEVY CHASE, MD OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	LIBERIO CESAR DASILVA MARIA PENHA COUSAQUEVITE OGGIONE	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	JOHN GREGORY MARTINO CRISTINA DOMINGUEZ-TEJADA	WEST TISBURY, MA WEST TISBURY, MA
28	LEONARDO E. VIEIRA KELLEN CRIS ALVES RUBIM	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
MARCH		
23	LEANDRO LOPES DA SILVA SUZIANE DE OLIVEIRA NOBRE	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	AGNALDO MANDELLI ALESSANDRA MARGOTTI	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
APRIL		
9	MANOEL SEVERIANO FERREIRA ELZA LUZIA BARBOSA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	PETER DONCHEV BELCHEV BRANIMIRA SIMEONOVA MILKOVA	TISBURY, MA TISBURY, MA
MAY		
21	SAIAS BOUZAN ELIZABETE BARBOSA DE OLIVEIRA	EDGARTOWN, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
15	JOHN ROBERT KUESTER GIOCCINA MARIE VIAGGIO	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	KENNETH EDWARD SULLIVAN LISA EMILY PEZZELLA	STRATFORD, CT STRATFORD, CT
23	HUMBERTO CHAUCCA CANO GUNN KATHARINE AURORA SKYE SANTALLA	HOBOKEN, NJ HOBOKEN, NJ
30	RONALD MOORE JANICE ANNE RALSTON	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	KYLE AARON MOSLEY DAVLYN CECILE GRANT	BROOKLYN, NY BROOKLYN, NY
JUNE		
6	DAVID CHRISTOPHER GOODWIN CONNIE LYNN FERRER	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
JUNE		
6	PETER PHILIP DOHERTY LAURA BETH SACCOCCIO	CUMBERLAND, RI CUMBERLAND, RI
7	BENJAMIN SCOTT ANDREWS REBECCA LEIGH LEBLANC	TALLAHASSEE, FL TALLAHASSEE, FL
12	RICHARD DANIEL BANNERMAN ALEXA JUSTINE KRYGLOWSKI	SKOKIE, IL SKOKIE, IL
13	CLIFFORD ROBERT SHAW NAOMI S. PARNES	HOBOKEN, NJ HOBOKEN, NJ
18	WILLIAM JOSEPH ALPHONSE JR. CHERYL ANN LOURO	DARTMOUTH, MA DARTMOUTH, MA
20	JARASLAV KRAL ALEXANDRA SAENOK	EDGARTOWN, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
20	WILLIAM AYERS JOLLY JANET MULLEN	DURHAM, NC DURHAM, NC
21	PAULO LOURENCO NATALIE PEDERZINI ASSIS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	CAROLYN ELISE CURRY TONYA KIMBERLY HOWE	ALEXANDRIA, VA ALEXANDRIA, VA
25	JEFFREY MATTHEW BIOTEAU JESSICA LEIGH LEVIN	ELMHURST, IL ELMHURST, IL
27	JAMES HUGH RAY ELISE PAGLIA	TISBURY, MA TISBURY, MA
JULY		
2	PETER ANDREW BUGGY JOY ALYSE MUELLER	SURREY, UK SURREY, UK
2	WILLIAM EDWARD BOUSQUET JR. BARBARA ANN ROY	WORCESTER, MA WORCESTER, MA
4	COREY ALLEN LOWE MARSHA JADE CHIEN	FREMONT, CA FREMONT, CA
18	HENRY CLIFFORD RUDISILL RAY EUGENE WILSON	HOUSTON, TX HOUSTON, TX
AUGUST		
1	CHRISTOPHER CHABOT PREVOSK AMANDA NICOLE KASIMIR	MADISON, CT MADISON, CT

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
AUGUST		
8	CALVIN RUDOLPH PARIS ARLENE R. WILLIAMS	DELRAY BEACH, FL DELRAY BEACH, FL
9	JAMES ALAN FENIMORE, JR. ALISON VICTORIA CAPE	BEDFORD, NY BEDFORD, NY
28	JOEL F. PACHECO SHARON E. ACHERBO	EDGARTOWN, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
SEPTEMBER		
1	ADAM DAVID PRATSON ASHLEY MARIE HOLLERAN	SALISBURY, NC SALISBURY, NC
2	ARILSON MARTINS DE SOUZA SUMMER-ANNE CLEMENTS	TISBURY, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
5	LAWRENCE BROOKE SAVARESE STACY LYNN KARWOSKI	LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL
5	BRIAN RICHARD BEAUREGARD KAYLEIGH ANN ROCK	LAKEVILLE, MA FAIRHAVEN, MA
12	PATRICK ANDREW DAVIS TARA KATHLEEN THOMPSON	PITTSBURGH, PA PITTSBURGH, PA
12	REBECCA LYNN BARNETTE DAVID EDWARD FENNESSY	GALLIPOLIS, OH GALLIPOLIS, OH
12	THATCHER ROTH BROWN GREYSON LEIGH BOWKER	OAK BLUFFS, MA WEST TISBURY, MA
12	JOHN WILLIAM PORTANOVA JAQUELINE BEATRIZ MONTANO-CHAVEZ	PLAINFIELD, NJ PLAINFIELD, NJ
25	BRENDEN MICHAEL COONEY TRACI LEE MONTEITH	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	CHAD MACDONALD HALL MEGAN MARIE HOULIHAN	CARNEGIE, PA CARNEGIE, PA
27	KEVIN LUCK ALLGOOD TERI ANN KLEIN	NEW YORK, NY NEW YORK, NY
OCTOBER		
10	JOSHUA DAVID WILD ALEXANDRA ELENA LOUD	QUINCY, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	VICTORIA BRENNAN LUBELIA DEBRUM	MILFORD, CT MILFORD, CT
11	BRADLEY EDWARD BRODERICK LAURIE ANNE MARCEAU	FALMOUTH, MA FALMOUTH, MA

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
OCTOBER		
17	HEATH PATRICK BLACKBURN MARY FERN LIVINGSTON	SOUTHBURY, CT SOUTHBURY, CT
23	MITCHELL ANDREW IZOWER AMANDA LEIGH CURTIS	GLEN COVE, NY GLEN COVE, NY
NOVEMBER		
5	SHAQUILLE O. REED JAYLYNN MARIE JOHNSON	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
7	JEFFREY SCOTT BARTKOWSKI LEANNE GIORDANO	EDGARTOWN, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
DECEMBER		
19	RAPHAEL CYPRIANO MAGRI BRUMELHA TEODORO DASILVA	EDGARTOWN, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
21	DOUGLASS STUART GARDNER JOSIE LOREN BLACK	WEST TISBURY, MA WEST TISBURY, MA

PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Personnel Board oversees the Oak Bluffs Personnel By-laws, which provide administration for employees not covered by collective bargaining units. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen and Town Administrator with respect to all employees both union and non-union.

At the end of 2015, Oak Bluffs taxpayers were directly paying for 152 full and part-time employees, and up to 109 seasonal, on-call, substitute and temporary employees.

In 2015, the Personnel Board voted on the following motions:

Adopted changes to the following job descriptions:

Library Director

COA Administrator

Fire/EMS Administrative Assistant

Firefighter Fire-EMS – adopted physical requirements

Accepted new job description of Administrative Assistant to Assessor and Treasurer

Amendments to the OB Personnel By-laws:

Housekeeping amendments to provide clarification of by-laws

New Probation period by-law

Recommended:

Town Hall hours as 8.30 – 4pm

The Personnel Board will undertake the following for 2016:

1. Continue oversight of the development of Town wide Social Media Policy for employees
2. Conduct process for Classification and Compensation Study
3. Assess department staffing structure in an effort to determine succession-planning needs.

Personnel Department:

For 2015, the Personnel Department oversaw the following changes in staffing of regular employees:

Retired: Shirley Fauteux (Health Agent), Shelley Carter (Administrative Assistant), Susan Von Steiger (Outreach Coordinator), Pam Speir (Library Assistant), Ken O'Connor (HEO)

Hired: Adetokunbo Solarin (Health Agent, Sheetal Grande (BOS Administrative Assistant), Gretchen Mayher (Outreach Coordinator), MacGregor Anderson (Planning and Assessors Administrative Assistant), Marcus Smith (Assistant Accountant)

Library: Mary-Jane Aldrich-Moodie (Library Assistant), Nathan Luce (Programming Coordinator), Carolina Cooney (Administrative Assistant/ Associate), Sonja Drotar (Children's and Young Adult Librarian).

Fire-EMS full-time staff: Kevin Kilduff, Lindsay Hopkins, Chris Flanders –Collins, Thomas Lambert Michael Desrosiers, Eric Hunter, David Sweet

Resigned: Jason Blandini (Fire-EMS), Traci Monteith (Fire-EMS), Jonathan Burke (Library), Sondra Murphy (Library Director), Anna-Marie D'Addarie (Library), Krystle Rose (Fire-EMS), Ben Stevens (Fire-EMS), Cindy Sherman (Assistant Accountant)

The HR Administrator continues to facilitate the successful Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program, which allows a few openings for Oak Bluffs seniors to volunteer their hours to work for the Town to receive abatement on their property tax.

The Board would like to thank Wendy Brough, Human Resources Administrator for her administrative support she continues to do on behalf of this Board and Town employees.

Oak Bluffs is fortunate to have many talented and dedicated employees and we sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

GRETCHEN COLEMAN-THOMAS (*Chair*)

STEVE AUERBACH

JASON BALBONI

ROBERT BLYTHE

JOHN LOLLEY

WENDY BROUGH (*Human Resources Administrator*)

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
YEAR END 2015 POSITION COMPENSATION -REGULAR EMPLOYEES

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Compensation*</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Compensation*</u>
<u>Fire-EMS</u>					
Fire-EMS Chief		\$116,032	Kindergarten Teacher		\$89,837
Lieutenant		\$106,227	Kindergarten Assistant		\$14,351
Office Administrator		\$50,727	Kindergarten Assistant		\$8,052
Firefighter Paramedic		\$75,516	Kindergarten Assistant		\$29,771
Firefighter Shift Supervisor (5m)		\$52,620	Grade 1 Teacher		\$96,175
Firefighter Shift Supervisor		\$95,635	Grade 1 Teacher		\$63,169
Firefighter Paramedic (6 mths)		\$30,577	Grade 1 Teacher		\$49,263
Firefighter Paramedic (5 mths)		\$32,167	Grade 2 Teacher		\$94,298
Firefighter Paramedic (7 mths)		\$63,740	Grade 2 Teacher		\$94,945
Firefighter Paramedic (5 mths)		\$27,391	Grade 2 Teacher		\$87,451
Paramedic (9 mths)		\$47,499	Grade 3 Teacher		\$80,399
Paramedic		\$79,003	Grade 3 Teacher		\$48,102
EMT (9 mths)		\$43,410	Grade 4 Teacher		\$87,430
EMT		\$58,175	Grade 4 Teacher		\$66,687
<u>Council On Aging</u>			Grade 4 Teacher		\$92,917
COA Administrator		\$56,486	Grade 5/6 Science		\$69,736
Outreach Coordinator (10 mths)		\$31,202	Grade 7/8 Science		\$83,049
<u>Highway</u>			Grade 5 Social Stud./ Lang.Arts		\$92,351
Highway Superintendent		\$99,341	Grade 5 / 6 Social Studies		\$82,905
Office Administrator		\$52,244	Grade 7/8 Social Studies		\$89,131
Foreman		\$76,420	Grade 5 Math/Science (new)		\$24,736
Heavy Equipment Operator		\$55,495	Grade 6 Math		\$98,742
Heavy Equipment Operator		\$45,215	Grade 8 Math		\$94,717
Heavy Equipment Operator		\$56,170	Grade 6 Language Art		\$89,087
Heavy Equipment Operator		\$46,910	Grade 7/ 8 Language Arts		\$86,101
Heavy Equipment Operator		\$69,557	Reading Recovery Teacher		\$87,082
Skilled Laborer		\$58,699	Physical Education Teacher		\$90,106
Skilled Laborer		\$48,339	ESL Teacher		\$25,032
Custodian (20 hrs)		\$27,689	Physical Education / Health		\$77,616
Custodian (30 hrs)		\$37,001	Home Education Teacher		\$47,100
<u>Library</u>			Art Teacher		\$87,007
Library Director (10 months)		\$60,482	Math & Literacy		\$34,751
Head of Tech. & Adult Services		\$50,174	Instrumental Music		\$42,085
Children's Librarian (4 mths)		\$12,660	Spanish Teacher		\$89,321
Library Associate (4 mths)		\$19,060	Music Teacher		\$95,398
Library Associate (3 mths)		\$14,912	Industrial Arts Teacher		\$44,001
Library Associate (9 mths)		\$36,662	Teacher Assistant Gd. 5		\$29,653
Library Assistant (30 hrs)		\$29,090	School Librarian		\$90,067
<u>School</u>			Library Assistant		\$25,218
Oak Bluffs Principal (6mths)		\$55,841	SPED Teacher		\$88,955
Assistant Principal		\$103,450	SPED Teacher		\$94,301
Admin Curr. & Support		\$107,611	SPED Teacher		\$87,367
School Secretary		\$59,159	SPED Teacher		\$92,931
School Secretary		\$50,385	SPED Teacher		\$60,453
School Secretary		\$56,768	SPED Assistant		\$22,519
Kindergarten Teacher		\$95,648	SPED Assistant		\$22,539
Kindergarten Teacher		\$65,187	SPED Assistant		\$31,368
			SPED Assistant		\$34,062

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Compensation*</u>
	SPED Assistant	\$31,742
	SPED Assistant	\$17,241
	SPED Assistant	\$8,127
	SPED Assistant	\$27,002
	SPED Assistant	\$24,417
	Computer Teacher	\$95,701
	Computer Technician	\$25,925
	Guidance Councillor	\$82,721
	Guidance Councillor	\$95,282
	School Nurse	\$64,750
	Custodian	\$64,528
	Custodian	\$39,871
	Head Custodian	\$67,555
	Custodian	\$63,171
	School Head Cook	\$46,143
	Café Helper	\$22,538
	Café Helper	\$9,907
	Assistant Cook	\$31,576
	Reading	\$95,712
	Math Support 5-8	\$88,134
<u>Town Hall</u>		
	Town Administrator	\$132,787
	BOS Office Administrator	\$67,913
	BOS Admin. Assistant (10 mths)	\$32,292
	HR Administrator	\$28,568
	Assistant Town Clerk	\$42,966
	Town Clerk	\$79,197
	IT Director	\$81,075
	Principal Assessor	\$87,165
	Assistant Assessor (25 hrs)	\$30,558
	Town Accountant	\$80,346
	Assistant Accountant	\$48,977
	Treasurer	\$74,248
	Tax Collector	\$75,248
	Tax Collector Admin. Asst.	\$40,787

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Compensation*</u>
	Conservation Agent	\$66,594
	Building Inspector	\$77,717
	Building Office Administrator	\$49,834
	Health Agent (10 mths)	\$60,947
<u>Marina</u>		
	Marina Manager/ Harbormaster	\$84,353
	Admin.Asst. (20hrs)	\$24,496
<u>Shellfish</u>		
	Shellfish Constable	\$74,248
	Natural Resource Officer	\$42,891
<u>Police</u>		
	Chief	\$155,026
	Lieutenant	\$151,301
	Sergeant	\$132,782
	Sergeant	\$125,138
	Sergeant	\$160,727
	Detective	\$126,444
	Detective	\$130,635
	Patrol	\$130,609
	Patrol	\$138,108
	Patrol	\$91,276
	Patrol	\$91,965
	Patrol	\$99,867
	Patrol	\$94,734
	Patrol	\$96,092
	Patrol	\$162,613
	Patrol (6 mths)	\$46,592
	Special	\$32,444
	Special	\$47,329
	Animal Control	\$47,197
	Executive Assistant	\$64,954
	Police Admin. Asst	\$48,769

*Compensation includes overtime, longevity and stipends.
Police also includes education incentive pay.

FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the full and fair valuation of all Oak Bluffs real and personal property for the purpose of the equitable distribution of the property tax burden. In addition to real estate, the Board of Assessors is responsible for assessing watercraft, personal property and motor vehicles situated in Oak Bluffs; it also commits Community Preservation taxes and prepares the annual Tax Recap for setting the tax rate.

Massachusetts General Laws dictate that property be assessed at full and fair valuation as of January 1st preceding the start of each fiscal year. The Assessing Department does this through an Interim Adjustment Program. Every three years, the Department of Revenue performs a procedural audit of the assessors' work to certify that the Town is meeting its statutory obligation relating to assessing procedures. This audit was successfully finalized and the resulting values used for the fiscal 2015 tax billing. Below is an extract from the Fiscal Year 2015 Tax Recap showing the tax levy, tax rate and allocation of taxes among property classes.

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	92.6407%	18,806,461.67	2,362,620,565	7.96	18,806,459.70
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0568%	11,530.64	1,449,100	7.96	11,534.84
Commercial	4.9775%	1,010,453.97	126,940,535	7.96	1,010,446.66
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	0.1669%	33,881.42	4,257,500	7.96	33,889.70
SUBTOTAL	97.8419%		2,495,267,700		19,862,330.90
Personal	2.1581%	438,103.61	55,037,740	7.96	438,100.41
TOTAL	100.0000%		2,550,305,440		20,300,431.31

In addition taxes shown of the tax recap, the following taxes were committed in fiscal year 2015:

Community Preservation:	\$ 487,345.72
Motor Vehicle Excise (calendar year)	\$ 796,090.93
Boat Excise:	\$ 11,341.13

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B. LAW
MELANIE M. BILODEAU
MARIE ALLEN

CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

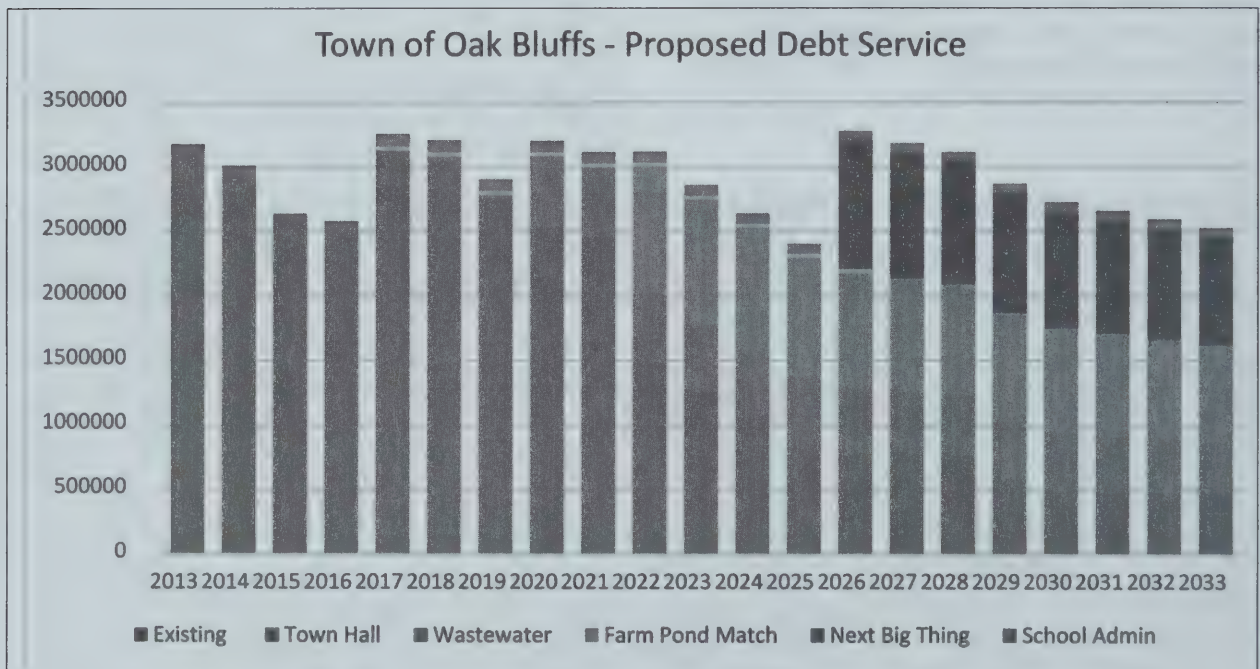
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Capital Program Committee is chartered by the Town's bylaws to "annually prepare a capital improvement program".

The committee seeks to program the Town's capital expenditures in ways that address priorities in a most important first sequence and to maintain the debt service of the Town without large swings in the tax burden to taxpayers. Additionally, the Capital Improvement Plan

(CIP) identifies departmental needs/wishes in a manner that permits scheduling, looking ahead, and a modicum of control over spending. Further, the CIP should help to reduce unplanned capital expenses.

The Capital Plan is a living document that is updated annually. Needs will appear and numbers will change with better information. The Committee identifies potential needs far in advance so that costs and other implications can be understood before commitments are made.



TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2015

	ASSETS					
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-Term Obligations
						Combined
Cash	3,803,833.55	5,161,571.01	4,995,013.28	551,631.97	1,343,091.39	15,855,141.20
Petty Cash	1,797.31					1,797.31
Receivables:						
Real Estate	1,119,682.30					1,119,682.30
Property Taxes	27,260.76					27,260.76
Community Preservation		12,987.83				12,987.83
Tax Title	2,278,830.60	34,873.73		90,315.42		2,404,019.75
Deferred Taxes	145,835.93					145,835.93
Motor Vehicle Excise	233,134.80					233,134.80
Boat Excise	8,190.48					8,190.48
Ambulance		1,833,628.70				1,833,628.70
User Charges				99,980.59		99,980.59
Liens added to Taxes	27,589.38			5,385.88		32,975.26
Betterments				25,814.46		25,814.46
Tax Foreclosures	62,931.47					62,931.47
Due from State		289,237.00	8,751,296.00			9,040,533.00
Amounts to be provided (Temporary Loans)		637,631.50				637,631.50
Amounts to be provided for LTD						14,311,287.68
Total Assets	7,709,086.58	7,969,929.77	13,746,309.28	773,128.32	1,343,091.39	45,852,833.02
Liabilities						
Warrants Payable	737,792.37	40,733.36	94,852.00	21,118.15		894,495.88
Accrued Payroll	717,999.58	41,764.91		9,772.08		769,536.57
Payroll Withholdings	206,999.57					206,999.57
Allowance for Abatements	452,413.99			221,496.35		673,910.34
Deferred Revenue	3,451,041.73	2,170,727.27				5,621,769.00
Taxes Paid in Advance	15,567.57	5,102.75				20,670.32
Police Details					(117,953.70)	(117,953.70)
Other Liabilities	19,557.31	637,631.50	8,751,296.00			19,557.31
Bond Anticipation Notes						9,388,927.50
L/T Debt						14,311,287.68
Total Liabilities	5,601,372.12	2,895,959.79	8,846,148.00	252,386.58	(117,953.70)	31,789,200.47

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-Term Obligations	Combined
Fund Balance							
Reserved for Expenditures	278,424.08	908,707.00					1,187,131.08
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward	662,587.74			138,388.39			800,976.13
Reserved for Open Space		186,105.35					186,105.35
Reserved for Historic Preservation		22,405.59					22,405.59
Reserved for Community Housing		230,996.00					230,996.00
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits							-
Unreserved for Snow/Ice Deficits	(21,453.46)						(21,453.46)
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions							-
Unreserved and Undesignated/Retained Earnings	1,188,156.10	3,725,756.04	4,900,161.28	382,353.35	1,461,045.09		11,657,471.86
Total Fund Balance	2,107,714.46	5,073,969.98	4,900,161.28	520,741.74	1,461,045.09	-	14,063,632.55
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	7,709,086.58	7,969,929.77	13,746,309.28	773,128.32	1,343,091.39	14,311,287.68	45,852,833.02

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY (NET OVERLAY)	20,187,831.00	20,086,626.62	(101,204.38)
TAX TITLE & LIENS		300,165.90	300,165.90
MV EXCISE	684,000.00	723,033.60	39,033.60
Other EXCISE	666,000.00	716,111.13	50,111.13
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	198,000.00	208,778.12	10,778.12
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,000.00	13,839.09	4,839.09
CHARGES FOR SERVICES-TRASH	222,000.00	213,500.00	(8,500.00)
FEES	136,500.00	120,505.20	(15,994.80)
RENTALS	85,000.00	112,220.00	27,220.00
DEPT. REVENUE - SCHOOL		870.87	870.87
DEPT. REVENUE - LIBRARY	12,000.00	7,734.53	(4,265.47)
OTHER DEPT. REVENUES	195,000.00	209,050.16	14,050.16
LICENSES AND PERMITS	339,000.00	348,714.15	9,714.15
FINES AND FORFEITS	28,000.00	21,632.50	(6,367.50)
INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00	17,625.42	5,625.42
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS-RECURRING	872,000.00	960,456.26	88,456.26
STATE AID	883,409.00	872,997.00	(10,412.00)
MSBA School Construction	567,918.00	567,918.00	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN	1,673,316.00	1,673,316.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	26,770,974.00	27,175,094.55	404,120.55
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,992,466.47	5,914,463.83	78,002.64
PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY	4,188,652.69	4,131,622.77	57,029.92
EDUCATION	11,203,359.14	11,188,538.36	14,820.78
PUBLIC WORKS	1,749,116.36	1,761,816.21	(12,699.85)
HUMAN SERVICES	454,924.06	385,662.89	69,261.17
CULTURE AND RECREATION	526,404.64	498,925.80	27,478.84
DEBT SERVICE	2,090,976.96	2,090,976.76	0.20
STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	1,033,665.00	1,125,768.77	(92,103.77)
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT	250,000.00	250,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,489,565.32	27,347,775.39	141,789.93
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(718,591.32)	(172,680.84)	545,910.48
FUND BALANCE 6/30/14	2,280,395.30	2,280,395.30	
FUND BALANCE 6/30/15	1,561,803.98	2,107,714.46	545,910.48

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
REVENUES - DETAIL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY (NET OVERLAY)			
REAL ESTATE TAXES	19,862,330.90		
REAL ESTATE-2011		0.90	
REAL ESTATE-2013		3,303.50	
REAL ESTATE-2014		511,034.00	
REAL ESTATE-2015		19,124,671.85	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES	19,862,330.90	19,639,010.25	(223,320.65)
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	438,100.41		
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2011		115.74	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2012		241.51	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2013		1,224.31	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2014		26,110.15	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2015		419,924.66	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	438,100.41	447,616.37	9,515.96
ABATE & EXEMPTS (BUDGET ONLY)	(112,600.31)		112,600.31
	20,187,831.00	20,086,626.62	(101,204.38)
TAXES TITLE & LIENS			
TAX DEFERRAL C59 S5(41A)		7,115.91	
TAX LIENS REDEEMED		293,497.99	
WATER TAX LIENS		(5,989.28)	
WATER LIEN-TT		5,541.28	
TOTAL TAXES TITLE & LIENS	0.00	300,165.90	300,165.90
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	684,000.00		
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2001		26.35	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2003		28.75	
MOTOR VEH. EXCISE-2004		75.00	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2009		252.93	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2010		796.27	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2011		1,290.84	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2012		2,268.41	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE -2013		14,768.37	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE -2014		147,839.50	
MOTOR VEH EXCISE -2015		555,687.18	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	684,000.00	723,033.60	39,033.60
OTHER EXCISE	666,000.00		
BOAT EXCISE-2009		50.00	
BOAT EXCISE-2011		15.73	
BOAT EXCISE-2012		66.00	
BOAT EXCISE -2013		161.00	
BOAT EXCISE -2014		3,465.37	
BOAT EXCISE -2015		5,534.62	9,292.72
STATE AID-HOTEL/ROOM TAX		420,142.13	
STATE AID MEALS TAX		286,676.28	
TOTAL OTHER EXCISE	666,000.00	716,111.13	50,111.13

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
PENALTY & INTEREST	198,000.00		
PENALTY/INT.-TAX TITLE		77,202.36	
PENALTY/INT - WATER LIENS		541.92	
PEN/INT - WATER TAX TITLE		1,393.13	
PENALTY/INT-PROPERTY TAX		111,906.34	
PENALTY/INT-EXCISE TAXES		17,734.37	
TOTAL PENALTY & INTEREST	198,000.00	208,778.12	10,778.12
TOTAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,000.00	13,839.09	4,839.09
TOTAL TRASH STICKERS	222,000.00	213,500.00	(8,500.00)
FEES	136,500.00		
PHOTOCOPY FEE		54.12	
FEE-BOUNCE CHECKS		225.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE			
FILING FEES		250.00	
POLICE DETAIL SERVICE CHG.		16,244.88	
FIRE INSPECTION FEES		4,060.00	
SMOKE INSPECTION FEE		5,530.00	
GAS INSPECTION FEE		5,430.00	
WIRING INSPECTION FEE		44,015.00	
PLUMBING INSPECTION FEE		26,730.00	
TANK INSPECTION FEE		3,420.00	
FILING FEES		11,830.00	
PHOTOCOPY FEE		2,716.20	
TOTAL FEES	136,500.00	120,505.20	(15,994.80)
RENTALS	85,000.00		
RENTAL/PARKING LOT		3,000.00	
RENTAL TO STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY		20,732.00	
LEASE OF BUS SPACES		1,500.00	
CAR RENTAL SURCHARGE		1,800.00	
CAMP LEASE		3,000.00	
RENTALS OF SAILING CAMP		81,713.00	
RENTAL/DEPOSIT (SAILING)		475.00	
TOTAL RENTALS	85,000.00	112,220.00	27,220.00
TOTAL DEPT. REVENUES - SCHOOL		870.87	870.87
TOTAL LIBRARY FINES & FEES	12,000.00	7,734.53	(4,265.47)
OTHER DEPT. -REVENUES	195,000.00		
MOPED LICENSE FEES		3,700.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		7,234.86	
COUNTY PARKING REVENUE		97,656.22	
ASSESSORS DATA LIST		2,138.00	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		10,761.77	
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERT		7,951.00	

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
R.M.V.-NON RENEWAL SURCHARGE		11,140.00	
TOWN CLERK MISC. RECEIPTS		17,088.30	
PARKING STICKERS		25,100.00	
COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS		950.80	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		319.22	
BUILDING INSP. MISC.		240.75	
MISC. GAS REVENUE		14,109.07	
MISC. REV TOKENS		1,765.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		8,895.17	
TOTAL OTHER DEPT. -REVENUES	195,000.00	209,050.16	14,050.16
LICENSES & PERMITS	339,000.00		
ALCOHOL LICENSES		103,890.00	
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES		10,075.00	
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS		3,420.00	
YARD SALE PERMITS		60.00	
COMM. SHELLFISH PERMIT		1,137.50	
TAXICAB PERMITS		8,520.00	
OTHER BUSINESS PERMITS		9,362.84	
DOG LICENSES		3,381.00	
LICENSE /PERMITS		2,760.00	
LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS		1,087.50	
PLUMBING PERMITS		7,670.00	
BUILDING PERMITS		82,645.31	
WIRING PERMITS		26,955.00	
SMOKE DETECTOR PERMITS		4,570.00	
TANK PERMITS		4,530.00	
SIGN PERMITS		300.00	
GAS PERMITS		10,750.00	
SEPTIC HAULERS' LICENSE		1,400.00	
REFUSE HAULERS LICENSE		1,200.00	
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMIT		6,000.00	
DESIGN APPLICATION		22,250.00	
FOOD ESTABLISH PERMIT		29,800.00	
PUMP OUT SEPTIC PERMITS		6,950.00	
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	339,000.00	348,714.15	9,714.15
FINES AND FORFEITS	28,000.00		
CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS		905.00	
STATE MV INFRACTIONS		20,727.50	
TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITS	28,000.00	21,632.50	(6,367.50)
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	12,000.00	17,625.42	5,625.42
TOTAL RECURRING -SLIP FEES	872,000.00	960,456.26	88,456.26
STATE AID	883,409.00		
LOSS OF TAXES-STATE LAND		82,496.00	
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS		17,546.00	
CHARTER SCHOOL		23,814.00	
VETERAN'S BENEFITS		33,775.00	

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAV (UNFAV)
CHAPTER 70-SCHOOL AID		650,652.00	
UNRESTRICTED GEN GOVT. AID		64,714.00	
TOTAL STATE AID	883,409.00	872,997.00	(10,412.00)
TOTAL M.S.B.A. SCHOOL CONST.	567,918.00	567,918.00	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,673,316.00		
TRANSFER FROM SPEC. REV.		933,385.00	
TRANSFER FROM ENTERPRISE FUND		703,931.00	
TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUNDS		36,000.00	
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,673,316.00	1,673,316.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	26,770,974.00	27,175,094.55	404,120.55

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
GENERAL FUND - APPROPRIATIONS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
TOTAL SALARY		276,837.01	296,719.59	283,974.26	12,745.33	
TOTAL EXPENSE		127,584.53	127,584.53	90,864.65	15,000.00	21,719.88
SEAVIEW AVE RAMPS/ACCESS	13,931.80		13,931.80		13,931.80	
STM08 NO BLUFF/FARM POND	46,200.00		46,200.00		46,200.00	
STM 4/15 A9 ENGINEERING LANDFILL			10,000.00		10,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	60,131.80	404,421.54	494,435.92	374,838.91	97,877.13	21,719.88
FINANCE COMMITTEE						
TOTAL EXPENSE		5,002.00	5,002.00	4,215.00		787.00
RESERVE FUND		57,650.00	0.63			0.63
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		62,652.00	5,002.63	4,215.00		787.63
TOWN ACCOUNTANT						
TOTAL SALARY		125,489.17	128,007.82	128,007.82		
TOTAL EXPENSE		1,000.00	979.12	324.99		654.13
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		126,489.17	128,986.94	128,332.81		654.13
ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		134,123.55	136,402.08	130,581.63		5,820.45
TOTAL EXPENSE		7,400.00	7,400.00	7,129.39		270.61
ATM11#4 TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	121.90		121.90		121.90	
STM 4/12 A7 MAPPING/REVAL	2,775.21		2,775.21	1,963.00	812.21	
A8 STM 11/13 REVAL	39,000.00		39,000.00	37,433.00	1,567.00	
A 8 .STM 04/15 REVAL			30,000.00		30,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	41,897.11	141,523.55	215,699.19	177,107.02	32,501.11	6,091.06
TREASURER FIXED P/R COST						
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,000.00	3,308,743.00	3,300,743.00	3,295,713.20	5,000.00	29.80
TREASURER DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		73,431.00	74,850.84	71,059.12		3,791.72
TOTAL EXPENSE		33,906.00	33,906.00	25,148.97		8,757.03
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	10,000.00	3,416,080.00	3,409,499.84	3,391,921.29	5,000.00	12,578.55

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
TAX COLLECTOR						
TOTAL SALARY		112,268.80	115,399.13	115,399.13		
TOTAL EXPENSE		15,075.00	18,939.64	14,955.93	3,983.71	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		127,343.80	134,338.77	130,355.06	3,983.71	
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
TOTAL SALARY		79,071.44	80,637.44	80,637.44		
TOTAL EXPENSE		237,979.00	237,979.00	225,645.99		12,333.01
A 8 ATM FY15 SOFTWARE UPGRADE		37,000.00	37,000.00	4,272.50	32,727.50	
STM 4/15 A4 WEBSITE			23,000.00		23,000.00	
STM 4/15 A5 NETWORK UPGRADE			12,000.00		12,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		354,050.44	390,616.44	310,555.93	67,727.50	12,333.01
TOWN CLERK						
TOTAL SALARY		125,859.77	126,645.38	121,780.08		4,865.30
TOTAL EXPENSE		2,325.00	2,325.00	2,248.70		76.30
STM 4/15 A8 VOTING BOOTHS			2,700.00		2,700.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		128,184.77	131,670.38	124,028.78	2,700.00	4,941.60
BOARD OF REGISTRARS						
TOTAL SALARY		25,000.00	23,725.37	17,208.21		6,517.16
TOTAL EXPENSE		8,825.00	8,825.00	5,233.32		3,591.68
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		33,825.00	32,550.37	22,441.53		10,108.84
CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
TOTAL SALARY		66,006.80	67,301.36	67,143.98		157.38
TOTAL EXPENSE		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,804.05		195.95
STM EAST CHOP ENGINEERING	1,699.86		1,699.86	950.00	749.86	
STM08 ENGINEERING SEAWALL	12,489.19		12,489.19	10,312.50	2,176.69	
STM 4/15 A10 ROOF REPAIR SAIL CAMP			30,000.00		30,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	14,189.05	69,006.80	114,490.41	81,210.53	32,926.55	353.33
PLANNING BOARD						
TOTAL SALARY		5,654.00	5,654.00	4,353.66		1,300.34
TOTAL EXPENSE		2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		7,654.00	7,654.00	4,353.66		3,300.34

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
UNCLASSIFIED						634.27
ATM FY 15 A 24 W/C CLAIM	12,500.00	1,259,752.00	1,138,237.58	1,137,603.31		
STM 4/15 A1 PRIOR YR. BILLS			32,000.00	27,500.00		4,500.00
			1,215.15		1,215.15	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	12,500.00	1,259,752.00	1,171,452.73	1,165,103.31	1,215.15	5,134.27
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	138,717.96	6,130,983.07	6,236,397.62	5,914,463.83	243,931.15	78,002.64
POLICE DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		1,930,239.00	1,961,635.08	1,961,634.09		0.99
TOTAL EXPENSE		83,500.00	83,817.23	83,817.23		
ATM FY14 A5 POLICE CARS						
A12 ATM FY15 NEW VEHICLES		70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00		
A13 ATM FY15 SAFETY EQUIPMENT		33,690.00	33,690.00	29,953.00	3,737.00	
A13 ATM FY15 REPAIR INTER MODI		15,000.00	15,000.00	1,411.02	13,588.98	
STM 4/15 A15 POLICE VEHICLE			74,000.00		74,000.00	
STM 4/15 A16 NEW POLICE EQUIP			50,295.00	16,498.00	33,797.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		2,132,429.00	2,288,437.31	2,163,313.34	125,122.98	0.99
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		146,750.00	146,750.00	146,242.00		508.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		79,863.00	79,863.00	74,897.41		4,965.59
ATM FY14 A9 FIRE ENGINE LEASE	100,000.00		100,000.00	100,000.00		
A7 STM 11/13 EQUIPMENT REPLACE	112,599.60		112,599.60	101,539.00	11,060.60	
A9 ATM FY15 NEW AMBULANCE		220,000.00	220,000.00	220,000.00		
A10 ATM FY15 REPLACE COMM. VEH.		52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00		
A11 ATM FY15 FIRE PUMP/LIFE RA		28,000.00	28,000.00	27,925.27	74.73	
STM 4/15 A11 NEW AMBULANCE			260,000.00	254,855.00	5,145.00	
STM 4/15 A12 FIRE EQUIPMENT			30,000.00		30,000.00	
STM 4/15 A13 NEW JAWS OF LIFE			45,600.00	44,493.99	1,106.01	
STM 4/15 A14 CPR MANNEQUINS			28,800.00		28,800.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	212,599.60	526,613.00	1,103,612.60	1,021,952.67	76,186.34	5,473.59
AMBULANCE SERVICE						
TOTAL SALARY		312,256.24	336,800.68	318,556.16		18,244.52
TOTAL EXPENSE		25,500.00	25,500.00	25,479.06		20.94
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		- 337,756.24	362,300.68	344,035.22		18,265.46

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
BUILDING INSPECTOR						
TOTAL SALARY		153,309.44	183,278.41	182,037.67		1,240.74
TOTAL EXPENSE		5,100.00	5,100.00	1,219.86		3,880.14
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		158,409.44	188,378.41	183,257.53		5,120.88
SHELLFISH						
TOTAL SALARY		125,744.82	128,402.48	128,402.48		(0.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE		49,500.00	49,034.74	43,601.20		5,433.54
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		175,244.82	177,437.22	172,003.68		5,433.54
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT						577.83
TOTAL SALARY		5,000.00	5,000.00			5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		16,700.00	16,700.00	16,122.17		577.83
ATM11 A28 ISLAND WIDE REV 911	3,500.00		3,500.00		3,500.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	3,500.00	21,700.00	25,200.00	16,122.17	3,500.00	5,577.83
MARINA						
TOTAL SALARY		189,958.88	192,046.88	177,786.97		14,259.91
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,094.25	40,500.00	41,594.25	38,696.53		2,897.72
STM 4/15 A2 HARBOR MAINTENANCE			41,000.00	14,454.66	26,545.34	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	1,094.25	230,458.88	274,641.13	230,938.16	26,545.34	17,157.63
TOTAL PROTECTION / PERSONS & PROP.	217,193.85	3,582,611.38	4,420,007.35	4,131,622.77	231,354.66	57,029.92
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
ATM FY14 A4 SUPER OFF DESIGN	45,172.00	6,745,717.67	6,787,235.04	6,772,414.26		14,820.78
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	45,172.00	6,745,717.67	6,832,407.04	6,817,586.26		14,820.78
MVRHS DISTRICT		4,351,782.10	4,351,782.10	4,351,782.10		
ATM A26 FY15 ALL ISLAND SCHOOL		19,170.00	19,170.00	19,170.00		
TOTAL EDUCATION	45,172.00	11,116,669.77	11,203,359.14	11,188,538.36		14,820.78
HIGHWAY ADMIN						
TOTAL SALARY		746,172.92	780,247.71	779,783.10		464.61
TOTAL EXPENSE	8,721.42	756,643.00	850,631.42	850,105.23	21,979.65	(21,453.46)
STM 4/11 OAK GROVE CEN REST	339.08		339.08	339.08		
A9 STM 11/13 OAK GROVE IMP	6,250.00		6,250.00		6,250.00	
A10 STM11/13 OAK GROVE WATER	10,000.00		10,000.00		10,000.00	
ATM FY 14 A 11OAK GROVE CEMETERY		10,000.00		10,000.00	877.80	9,122.20

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
A7 ATM FY15 HWY VEHICLE PURCHASE		139,000.00	139,000.00	130,711.00		8,289.00
STM 4/15 A3 NEW DUMP TRUCK			30,000.00		30,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	35,310.50	1,641,815.92	1,826,468.21	1,761,816.21	77,351.85	(12,699.85)
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.	35,310.50	1,641,815.92	1,826,468.21	1,761,816.21	77,351.85	(12,699.85)
BOARD OF HEALTH						
TOTAL SALARY		126,935.73	117,439.24	117,402.95		36.29
TOTAL EXPENSE		57,431.00	45,565.76	45,565.76		0.00
STM 4/97 DEP MONITORING	256.03		256.03		256.03	
STM A10 BUILDING DEMOLITION	2,194.05		2,194.05		2,194.05	
A23 ATM FY15 LANDFILL MONITOR		7,500.00	7,500.00		7,500.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	2,450.08	191,866.73	172,955.08	162,968.71	9,950.08	36.29
COUNCIL ON AGING						
TOTAL SALARY		143,649.76	145,294.06	83,539.40		61,754.66
TOTAL EXPENSE		80,958.00	80,958.00	80,830.08		127.92
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		224,607.76	226,252.06	164,369.48		61,882.58
VETERANS SERVICES						
TOTAL EXPENSE	167.00	65,500.00	65,667.00	58,324.70		7,342.30
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	167.00	65,500.00	65,667.00	58,324.70		7,342.30
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	2,617.08	481,974.49	464,874.14	385,662.89	9,950.08	69,261.17
LIBRARY						
TOTAL SALARY		332,428.04	307,743.64	296,579.72		11,163.92
TOTAL EXPENSE		135,961.00	135,961.00	129,034.73		6,926.27
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		468,389.04	443,704.64	425,614.45		18,090.19
ARTS COUNCIL						
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
RECREATION						
TOTAL SALARIES		71,700.00	71,700.00	62,509.75		9,190.25
TOTAL EXPENSE		9,500.00	9,500.00	9,301.60		198.40
STM 4/15 A6 SEA VIEW BEACH RAIL			80,000.00		80,000.00	
STM 4/15 A7 REPLACE STAIRS BEACH			20,000.00		20,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		81,200.00	181,200.00	71,811.35	100,000.00	9,388.65
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		551,089.04	626,404.64	498,925.80	100,000.00	27,478.84

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
MATURING DEBT -PRINCIPAL TOTAL		1,751,116.69	1,751,116.69	1,751,116.49		0.20
MATURING DEBT -INTEREST TOTAL		363,567.27	334,667.27	334,667.27		
INTEREST ON TEMPORARY DEBT TOTAL		18,961.00	5,193.00	5,193.00		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		2,133,644.96	2,090,976.96	2,090,976.76		0.20
COUNTY/STATE ASSESSMENTS						
COUNTY/STATE ASSESSMENTS			71,571.00			71,571.00
DUKES CTY HEALTH ACCESS				113,682.77		(113,682.77)
AIR POLLUTION ASSESS.			3,674.00	3,674.00		
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE TAX			15,580.00	15,580.00		
REG. TRANSIT AUTHORITY			119,453.00	119,453.00		
CHARTER SCHOOL ASSESSMENT			219,941.00	189,652.00		30,289.00
SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENT			603,446.00	683,727.00		(80,281.00)
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			1,033,665.00	1,125,768.77		(92,103.77)
INTERFUND TRANSFER						
STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER			250,000.00	250,000.00		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	439,011.39	25,638,788.63	28,152,153.06	27,347,775.39	662,587.74	141,789.93
ALL ISLAND SCHOOL		19,170.00				
NEED SCHOOL TRANSFER LETTER			155,000.00	155,000.00		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	138,717.96	6,130,983.07	6,236,397.62	5,914,463.83	243,931.15	78,002.64
TOTAL PROTECTION / PERSONS & PROP.	217,193.85	3,582,611.38	4,420,007.35	4,131,622.77	231,354.66	57,029.92
TOTAL EDUCATION	45,172.00	11,116,669.77	11,203,359.14	11,188,538.36		14,820.78
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.	35,310.50	1,641,815.92	1,826,468.21	1,761,816.21	77,351.85	(12,699.85)
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	2,617.08	481,974.49	464,874.14	385,662.89	9,950.08	69,261.17
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		551,089.04	626,404.64	498,925.80	100,000.00	27,478.84
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		2,133,644.96	2,090,976.96	2,090,976.76		0.20
TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS				1,033,665.00	1,125,768.77	(92,103.77)
STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER			250,000.00	250,000.00		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	439,011.39	25,638,788.63	28,152,153.06	27,347,775.39	662,587.74	141,789.93

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUES
JUNE 30, 2015

	Fund 12	Fund 13	Fund 14	Fund 15	Fund 16	Fund 17	Fund 28	Fund 29	Combined
	School Lunch	Improvements Highway	Revolving Fund	Reserve for Approp	Federal Grants	State Grants	Community Preservation	Other Special Revenue	
ASSETS									
Cash	(6,360.85)	(262.42)	523,302.18	581,492.60	70,890.92	852,061.41	2,919,245.45	221,201.72	5,161,571.01
Petty Cash									-
Receivables:									-
Real Estate									-
Property Taxes									-
Community Preservation							12,987.83		12,987.83
Tax Title							34,873.73		34,873.73
Deferred Taxes									-
Motor Vehicle Excise									-
Boat Excise									-
Ambulance			1,833,628.70						1,833,628.70
User Charges									-
Liens added to Taxes									-
Betterments									-
Tax Foreclosures									-
Due from State						289,237.00			289,237.00
Amounts to be provided for BAN/LTD						289,237.00			289,237.00
Total Assets	(6,360.85)	(262.42)	2,356,930.88	581,492.60	70,890.92	1,430,535.41	2,967,107.01	221,201.72	7,621,535.27
Liabilities and Fund Balance									
Liabilities									
Warrants Payable	6,762.06		14,624.30		965.28	12,512.55	5,869.17		40,733.36
Accrued Payroll	4,526.64		37,238.27						41,764.91
Payroll Withholdings									-
Allowance for Abatements									-
Deferred Revenue			1,833,628.70						2,170,727.27
Taxes Paid in Advance						289,237.00	47,861.57		5,102.75
Police Details							5,102.75		-
Other Liabilities									-

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
FUND BALANCE - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
June 30, 2015

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/14	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 6/30/15
REVOLVING FUND				
FD BAL- MARINA REPAIRS	5,694.18	9,409.50	15,103.68	0.00
FUND BAL- OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	1,994.40			1,994.40
CONSERVATION CONSULTING	13,000.00			13,000.00
FD BAL-INSURANCE RECOVERY	2,706.34	2,395.23		5,101.57
FD BAL-SHELLFISH FUND	11,280.39	13,477.50	17,390.11	7,367.78
FD BAL-WETLAND PROTECTION	36,589.17	6,218.50	2,665.83	40,141.84
FD BAL-PARKS & RECREATION	8,196.94	38,674.45	42,100.85	4,770.54
F.B.-SALE OF COMPOST BINS	283.11			283.11
F.B.-AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,322,817.50	1,641,070.30	2,565,107.43	398,780.37
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,402,562.03	1,711,245.48	2,642,367.90	471,439.61
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION				
FD BAL-SALE OF CEM. LOTS	29,070.00	6,750.00	150.00	35,670.00
FD BAL-WATERWAY IMPROV.	85,647.32	26,285.00	65,899.71	46,032.61
FD BAL-FERRY FEES	175,008.00	213,756.10		388,764.10
FD INSURANCE RECOVERY		207,217.27	96,191.38	111,025.89
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	289,725.32	454,008.37	162,241.09	581,492.60
FEDERAL GRANTS				
JOBS GRANT	0.00			0.00
FD BAL-EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY	(702.00)			(702.00)
FD BAL-LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	(12,991.42)			(12,991.42)
FB BAL-BIOTERROR	1,323.39	2,000.00	370.05	2,953.34
FD BAL-C.O.P.S.	64,828.50	0.00		64,828.50
FD VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT		10,078.58	9,878.51	200.07
FD BAL-SMALL CITIES GRANT CDGB	48,448.75	942,876.22	975,687.82	15,637.15
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	100,907.22	954,954.80	985,936.38	69,925.64
STATE GRANTS				
FB NORTH BLUFF BOARDWALK		25,000.00	11,000.00	14,000.00
FD BAL- PUBLIC ACCESS	0.00	500,000.00	181,947.12	318,052.88
FD BAL- CIRCUIT BREAKER	11,247.13	29,393.00	8,054.82	32,585.31
FD BAL-BIKE PATH-#7829	27,086.10			27,086.10
FD BAL-LIBRARY INCENTIVE	2,412.28	3,083.60	(774.88)	6,270.76
FD BAL-LIB. MUN. EQUAL.	3,176.14	419.37		3,595.51
FD BAL-STATE CENSUS	18,592.79	1,611.00	2,376.50	17,827.29
FD BAL-ELDERLY PROGRAMS	1,238.72	6,957.14	8,195.86	0.00
FD BAL- COA TRANSPORTATION GRANT		6,000.00		6,000.00
FD BAL-DRUG TASK GRANT	(2,000.15)	14,080.29	12,847.35	(767.21)
FD BAL-STATE BEACH (9604)	4,096.26			4,096.26
FD BAL-N/R OFFSET AWARD	28,981.93	3,821.62		32,803.55
FD BAL-PUMP-OUT BOAT	4,923.86	6,156.30	5,258.67	5,821.49
FB HURRICANE SANDY AID		289,237.00		289,237.00
FD BAL-LIBRARY LSTA GRANT	(0.01)		(0.01)	0.00
FD BAL-EOCD-SEPTIC REPAIR	111,961.34			111,961.34
FD BAL-COMMUNITY POLICE	247.20			247.20

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/14	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 6/30/15
FD DARE ROPES COURSE	514.92			514.92
GHSB POLICE GRANT	(2,623.50)	4,078.14	4,056.63	(2,601.99)
SEAWALL REPAIR GRANT	(493.26)		(493.26)	0.00
SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS	22,869.39	226,153.00	228,396.00	20,626.39
F/B - EAST CHOP PUDDLE GRANT	(72,990.14)			(72,990.14)
NO SEAWALL GRANT	675.47		493.27	182.20
F/B FARM POND RESTORATION	25,000.00			25,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	184,916.47	1,115,990.46	461,358.07	839,548.86

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUES				
FEMA FUND	2,395.19		2,395.19	0.00
FD-BAL LAGOON POND WATER TEST	245.00			245.00
HISTORICAL COMM. DONATIONS	182.50			182.50
FD BAL-OLD LIBRARY CONVERSION	200.00		200.00	0.00
FIRE DEPT. MEMORIAL DONATIONS	1,280.00			1,280.00
FD BAL-COA DONATION	11,067.48		5,781.61	5,285.87
FD BAL-COA OUTREACH DONATIONS	331.96			331.96
FD BAL-PLANNING BOARD DONATION	20,000.00			20,000.00
FD BAL-O B FESTIVAL FUND	(11,352.71)		(11,352.71)	0.00
FD BAL-EMER MGMNT BOAT DONATIONS	16,106.74			16,106.74
FD BAL-PARK/REC. DONATION	570.80			570.80
FD BAL-SHELLFISH DREDGE	500.00			500.00
FD BAL- SAVE SENGE FUND	4,002.20			4,002.20
FD BAL-LIBRARY DONATIONS	24,029.06	12,698.00	13,991.19	22,735.87
FD BAL-SCH. SCHOLARSHIP	5,043.60	500.00	1,000.00	4,543.60
FD BAL-HISTORIC FIRE FUND	17,859.60		900.00	16,959.60
FD BAL-PARKING MITIGATION FUND	8,201.00	725.00		8,926.00
FD BAL-NIANTIC PARK	3,035.00	1,850.00		4,885.00
FD BAL-MV HOSPITAL	(1,046.00)		(1,046.00)	0.00
FD BAL-LIBRARY CAMPAIGN	9.60		9.60	(0.00)
FD BAL-PUBLIC RESTROOMS	330.86		330.86	0.00
CONSERVATION FUND	529.00			529.00
FB RES - COA COLLABORATIVE	0.00	51,670.00	25,835.00	25,835.00
FB PREMIUM ON BOND	36,203.21	39,385.50	49,341.18	26,247.53
F/B MARINA TOUR. FEES	16,530.00		16,530.00	0.00
FB OCEAN PK. FRIENDS OF OAK BLUFFS		100.00		100.00
FD BALANCE HARBOR FUEL		385,258.66	323,323.61	61,935.05
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	156,254.09	492,187.16	427,239.53	221,201.72

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - APPROPRIATIONS
AS OF JUNE 30,2015

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE 6/30/15
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	0.00	31,700.00	31,700.00	20,060.79		
BASEBALL FIELDS	32,795.18	0.00	32,795.18	32,795.18	0.00	
SHORELINE ENGINEERING	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
AFFORDABLE HSING TRUST	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	
WATERSHED SURV & DRAINAGE	33,360.10	0.00	33,360.10	1,668.25	31,691.85	
ATM 4/11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TR	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	
ATM 4/11 SUNSET LK/LK PARK	39,002.54	0.00	39,002.54	6,700.00	32,302.54	
EAST CHOP BLUFF&RD	7,536.06	0.00	7,536.06	0.00	7,536.06	
ATM FY14 ART#14 FARM POND REST	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 FARM POND MONI	28,311.01	0.00	28,311.01	4,756.82	23,554.19	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OYSTER BIO REM	38,753.30	0.00	38,753.30	19,417.81	19,335.49	
ATM FY14 ART#14 PRK REC ASS	9,004.36	0.00	9,004.36	9,004.36	0.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 SAI CAMP TRAIL	3,328.28	0.00	3,328.28	3,328.28	0.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OB BIKEWAY CON	35,624.85	0.00	35,624.85	5,225.00	30,399.85	
ATM FY14 ART#14 LAG PND WELL#1	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 COUR HSE WIND	15,367.95	0.00	15,367.95	0.00	15,367.95	
ATM FY14 ART#14 COLLECT PRESER	17,232.53	0.00	17,232.53	17,232.43	0.10	
ATM FY14 ART#14 OB PUB REC ARC	40,204.57	0.00	40,204.57	39,996.00	208.57	
ATM FY14 ART#14 STAIN GLASS W	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	22,000.00	10,000.00	
ATM FY14 ART#14 RENT ASST	9,410.00	0.00	9,410.00	0.00		9,410.00
A 3 STM 11/13 NIANTIC PK	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00	92,725.90	307,274.10	
A 22 15 ATM HABITAT AFF HOME	0.00	180,000.00	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	
A22 15 ATM RENTAL ASSISTANC	0.00	152,000.00	152,000.00	112,450.00		39,550.00
A22 15ATM SAIL CMP PRK BAN	0.00	41,600.00	41,600.00	39,943.50	1,656.50	
A22 15 ATM SAIL CMP PRK TRL	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	49,764.07	235.93	
A22 15 ATM COASTAL CLIM CHG	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	24,904.00	25,096.00	
A22 15 ATM LAGOON PND MON	0.00	31,749.00	31,749.00	4,199.31	27,549.69	
A22 15 ATM PENN FIELD PHAS2	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	12,069.12	37,930.88	
A22 15 ATM GAY HEAD LIGHT	0.00	111,600.00	111,600.00	111,253.15	346.85	
A22 15 ATM TRINITY CHU GALSS	0.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	
A22 15 ATM MARINE HOS RF&CHM	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE 6/30/15
A22 15 ATM COURT HSE ELECT	0.00	11,715.00	11,715.00	0.00	11,715.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,061,930.73	778,364.00	1,840,294.73	639,493.97	1,140,201.55	48,960.00

FY 16 AMT VOTES

	UR/FB	O/S REC	C/HOUSING	H/PRESR.	
ART1	120,575.00				
ART 2	279,800.00				
ART 3	7,319.00	7,681.00			
ART 4	15,000.00				
ART 5	9,697.19				
ART 6		63,000.00			
ART 7	125,000.00				
ART 8	50,000.00				
ART 9	67,319.00		70,681.00		
ART 10	50,000.00			20,681.00	
ART 11	6,319.00				
ART 12	17,900.00				
	748,929.19	70,681.00	70,681.00	20,681.00	910,972.19
					(910,972.19)
				0.00	

**Town of Oak Bluffs
CAPITAL PROJECTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
6/30/2015**

	FUND 30 GENERAL	FUND 31 LIBRARY	TOTAL
ASSETS			
CASH	4,932,306.64	62,706.64	4,995,013.28
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED- BANS	8,751,296.00		8,751,296.00
TOTAL ASSETS	13,683,602.64	62,706.64	13,746,309.28
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	94,852.00		94,852.00
NOTES PAYABLE	8,751,296.00		8,751,296.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,846,148.00		8,846,148.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	4,837,454.64	62,706.64	4,900,161.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	13,683,602.64	62,706.64	13,746,309.28

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
BALANCE SHEET
WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND
JUNE 30, 2015**

ASSETS		
CASH		551,631.97
RECEIVABLES		
TAX TITLE	90,315.42	
USER CHARGES 2012	1,341.99	
USER CHARGES 2013	1,271.54	
USER CHARGES 2014	3,326.18	
USER CHARGES 2015	94,040.88	
LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	5,385.88	
BETTERMENTS	25,814.46	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		221,496.35
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>773,128.32</u>
 LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITY		
WARRANTS PAYABLE	21,118.15	
ACCRUED PAYROLL	9,772.08	
DEFERRED REVENUE	221,496.35	
TOTAL LIABILITY		252,386.58
FUND BALANCE		
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	382,353.35	
FD BAL-RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES		
FD BAL-RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCE	138,388.39	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		<u>520,741.74</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCE		<u><u>773,128.32</u></u>

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
WASTEWATER APPROPRIATIONS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CARRY FORWARD	ORIGINAL BUDGET	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED	TOTAL CARRY FWD	BALANCE
ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	0.00	183,890.40	183,890.40	169,209.88	0.00	14,680.52
FACILITY MANAGER	0.00	80,605.00	80,605.00	80,910.00	0.00	(305.00)
OVERTIME	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	19,730.09	0.00	(3,730.09)
LONGEVITY PAY	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE EXPENSE	0.00	76,737.00	76,737.00	69,932.00	0.00	6,805.00
TOTAL SALARY	0.00	359,032.40	359,032.40	341,581.97	0.00	17,450.43
UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	0.00	30,038.00	30,038.00	29,369.70	0.00	668.30
PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,529.42	0.00	470.58
COMMUNICATION	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	19,097.34	0.00	15,902.66
WW SUPPLIES	0.00	4,193.00	4,193.00	4,056.26	0.00	136.74
CHEMICAL SUPPLIES	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	16,453.89	0.00	13,546.11
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	1,674.00	1,674.00	1,672.23	0.00	1.77
GAS/FUEL	0.00	11,662.00	11,662.00	8,526.05	0.00	3,135.95
BLDG MAINTENCE	0.00	6,091.00	6,091.00	5,576.80	0.00	514.20
SLUDGE DISPOSAL	0.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	68,800.85	0.00	16,199.15
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	23,905.08	0.00	16,094.92
REPLACE EQUIPMENT	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	46,571.09	0.00	3,428.91
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0.00	2,304.00	2,304.00	740.98	0.00	1,563.02
TRAVEL EXPENSES	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	816.20	0.00	683.80
TRAINING & SEMINARS	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,318.19	0.00	1,181.81
MEMBERSHIPS	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
CONTINGENCY	0.00	29,532.00	29,532.00	0.00	0.00	29,532.00
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND	0.00	703,931.00	703,931.00	703,931.00	0.00	0.00
ENCUMBRANCE	13,285.00	0.00	13,285.00	13,285.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	13,285.00	1,053,825.00	1,067,110.00	963,650.08	0.00	103,459.92
A17 ATM FY15 REPL UTILITY TRU	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	39,792.40	0.00	207.60
A18 ATM FY15 NEW GARAGE	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	87,000.00	38,000.00	
A19 ATM FY15 WW PLANT OPT STU	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	
A20 ATM FY15 FED HAZ MIT GRA	0.00	62,500.00	62,500.00	32,111.61	30,388.39	
STM 4/15 A17 NEW VEHICLE			40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	13,285.00	1,690,357.40	1,743,642.40	1,484,136.06	138,388.39	121,117.95

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - TRUST & AGENCY
JUNE 30, 2015

	FUND 82	FUND 84	FUND 89	
	EXPENDABLE	NON-EXPENDABLE	AGENCY	COMBINED
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ASSETS				
Cash	1,378,479.19	15,933.84	(51,321.64)	1,343,091.39
Total Assets	1,378,479.19	15,933.84	(51,321.64)	1,343,091.39
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Liabilities				
Police Details			(117,953.70)	(117,953.70)
Other Liabilities				-00
Total Liabilities	-00	-00	(117,953.70)	(117,953.70)
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Fund Balance				
Unreserved and Undesignated/Retained Earnings	1,378,479.19	15,933.84	66,632.06	1,461,045.09
Total Fund Balance	1,378,479.19	15,933.84	66,632.06	1,461,045.09
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,378,479.19	15,933.84	(51,321.64)	1,343,091.39
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TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
FUND BALANCE -TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNTS
6/30/15

ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/14	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE 6/30/15
FD BAL- GASB STABILIZATION	204,174.55	204.27		204,378.82
FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	3,226.42	29.31		3,255.73
FD BAL-SOLID WASTE STAB	101,126.44	101.16		101,227.60
FD BAL-RESIDENT HOME SITE	728.75	5.60		734.35
FD BAL-STABILIZATION FD.	789,331.16	250,841.48	36,000.00	1,004,172.64
FD BAL-MUNICIPAL BLDG FD.	9,715.68	19.56		9,735.24
FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	47,928.67	106.53		48,035.20
FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	6,926.14	15.95		6,942.09
FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	6,911.46	15.98		6,927.44
W/C POLICE	(7,950.61)	22,714.29	21,693.60	(6,929.92)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,162,118.66	274,054.13	57,693.60	1,378,479.19

FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	8,933.84			8,933.84
FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	5,000.00			5,000.00
FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	15,933.84			15,933.84

POLICE PAID DETAILS	(92,758.37)	193,511.07	218,706.40	(117,953.70)
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FIRE PAID DETAILS		11,112.50	6,647.50	4,465.00
AMBULANCE PAID DETAILS		4,290.00	4,290.00	0.00
SCHOOL CUSTODIAL	0.00			0.00
SCHOOL-STUDENT ACTIVITIES	17,922.95	99,910.10	89,499.15	28,333.90
FISH & GAME	595.70			595.70
FIREARM PERMITS	32,883.68	3,187.50	4,825.00	31,246.18
ANIMAL CONTROL BOND	200.00	600.00		800.00
SCHOOL E RATE	791.28			791.28
SCHOOL KEY DEPOSITS	400.00			400.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	52,793.61	119,100.10	105,261.65	66,632.06

TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the year ending June 30, 2015:

INTEREST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	3,643,788.78
Century Bank	2,959,668.16
Rockland Trust	48,904.75
Unibank for Savings	8,167,410.83
Edgartown National	21,328.30
Cash on Hand	305.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	NAME OF TRUST	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	Barbey Poor	53,035.20
Sovereign	Clark Poor	7,942.09
Sovereign	Norton Poor	7,927.40
Sovereign	Cemetery	14,589.14
Sovereign	Municipal Building	9,735.24
Sovereign	Resident Homesite	2,777.35
MV Savings	Stabilization	795,299.64
Rockland	GASB 45	204,378.82
Rockland	Solid Land	101,227.63

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:

16,038,318.33

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON A. JACKSON
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Respectfully submitted,

Herby by submitted is the Annual Town Report of
Receivables from the Town Collector for fiscal year 2015.

CHERYLL A. SASHIN, CMMC
Collector of Taxes

2015	REAL ESTATE	CPA	PERSONAL	MV EXCISE	BOAT
committed	19,870,098.00	487,957.00	519,255.92	755,593.00	11,341.00
abatements	70,035.16	3,151.00	1,221.28	25,817.00	650.20
adjustments	10,947.00	656.00	78,774.22	29.00	
refunds	15,939.00	237.00	1,262.00	17,499.00	
payments	18,953,124.00	464,320.00	411,689.00	740,977.21	9,368.00
liened	356,483.00	7,478.00			
BALANCE	495,447.84	12,589.00	28,833.42	6,268.79	1,322.80
	95%	95%	79%	98%	83%

2015	WWSAP/AI	UB	UBLIEN	WATERLEIN	TAX LIENS
					\$2,814,533.00
committed	383,766.00	806,069.00	26,544.00	779.00	181,592.00
abatements					
adjustments	571.00	26,117.00			
refunds		1,636.00			
payments	349,977.95	708,394.00	12,218.00	779.00	397,282.00
liened	3,615.00		9,066.00		
BALANCE	29,602.05	73,194.00	5,260.00	0.00	2,598,843.00
	91%	88%	46%	100%	14%

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens and Taxpayers of Oak Bluffs:

For 2015 Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee experienced improved fundamental economic conditions similar to those of 2014. National, state and local economic challenges improved slightly. The OB Finance and Advisory Committee approached the budget process with continued caution, encouraged by the comparatively slow growth economic trend.

Oak Bluffs has effectively navigated through recent economic difficulties, placing the town in a good position to take advantage of the slight improvements in local aid, local receipts, and stable residential property estimates which enable sustainability of core governmental services that our citizens expect.

This tempered revenue growth has allowed select town departments to incrementally increase their spending in order to provide additional quality of services. This increase will result in improved services to the citizens through Ambulance Services, Highway Department, Building Inspections, Town planning, and commitment to education.

The town continues to show its strong support for the education of our children. The OB School education costs in the FY'17 budget is held to a 4.23% increase over FY'16. The budget increase is largely due to contractual salary increases, insurance costs, unfunded State mandates, and an unfavorable State School Aid formula for the town. The school department has effectively managed some special education costs through the in-sourcing of certain services, requiring few children to go off island. The OB

Finance Committee works closely with both the MV Regional High School Committee and OB School committee to ensure that each child receives a fiscally responsible education.

Dukes County assessments, retiree pension, and healthcare costs continue to represent a rising financial liability to the town with limited ability to control these costs. Healthcare liabilities are currently funded on a year to year basis; as a result the town is exposed to increasingly significant unfunded liabilities. In recognition of this issue, this year OB Fincom will propose an increase to the OPEB and Stabilization reserve funds. We will continue this effort as discourse continues at the state and national levels.

Oak Bluffs benefits from the extraordinary efforts of its many capable and responsible employees and volunteers. We thank Town Administrator Bob Whritenour for his service and his commitment to improving and strengthening the town's internal accounting system and departmental fiscal responsibility, keeping departments within the town's fiscal means. We thank all employees and volunteers for their hard work and many valuable contributions to the town and look forward to our continued success.

The OB Finance Committee encourages all citizens interested in hearing and participating in our deliberative process leading up to the April Town Meeting to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND TAYLOR, Chair

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens and Businesses of Oak Bluffs:

I am once again honored to submit the annual report for the police department. This report will highlight the activities, programs and safety incentives of this past year. I reiterate that we are committed to providing outstanding service to all members of our community, holding ourselves to highest moral, legal and ethical standards and proactively preventing and solving crimes.



The Department hired Timothy Millerick to the ranks of full time officer upon his graduation from the Plymouth Police Academy in February. He is a native from Whitman, MA and has been employed as a Special Officer since 2012.



I am pleased to announce that the Department has completed our fourth onsite assessment by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and will remain a State certified police department. I believe it is a vital program whereby an outside body examines the policies and general orders of the department assuring that we not only have the best practices in place, but that we follow them while policing the community. I want to thank the Officers and civilian staff for their cooperation and professionalism during this time. Furthermore, I need to acknowledge Lieutenant Timothy Williamson who worked tirelessly as Accreditation Manager. We could not have done it without his knowledge, attention to detail and his dedication to the department.

There were many initiatives for the Department this past year. I will highlight two of the major ones. First, following up on the conflict resolution and customer service training we conducted for all department heads last year, we held another training session this past fall. This training focused on Community Governance and Problem Solving; introducing the concepts of building relationship and identifying stakeholders to help solve problems. Department heads, elected officials and officers were introduced to the S.A.R.A model (Scanning-Analysis, Response-Assessment) as a best practice for bringing all stakeholders to the table and solving a particular problem. As a certified SARA instructor, I have offered department heads the opportunity to submit a problem and utilize this program. Thus far Highway Superintendent Richard Combra has taken me up on this offer and we held a SARA session on the topic of downtown litter issues. Many ideas and action items came out of this session and I am excited to see the plan in action this upcoming summer season. Secondly, the department was long overdue for a strategic plan. We held our planning session that focused on community policing with officers, members of community, my Chiefs Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen Chairmen Michael Santoro. This planning session resulted in six areas of improvement or change and action items to follow them through. 1) Improve internal communication within the department 2) Forge meaningful and productive relationships with our community 3) Outreach to help educate and receive input to develop community priorities 4) Achieve a level of staffing to allow us to provide the level of service the community expects and deserves 5) Leverage technology to enhance communication, service to the community and officer safety 6) Create a culture empowerment for all employees.

We look forward to implementing these goals and programs to ensure we are providing the best service to our citizens.

Sergeant Michael Marchand continues to serve at the Department's school resource officer assigned at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School; he has forged a positive and productive relationship with students and faculty. Not only has the security at the school increased, it was achieved by working cooperatively with the school staff, creating an environment safe while upholding the open and inviting culture of our high school.

In October, Lieutenant Timothy Williamson, Detective Jeffrey LaBell and Special Officer John Twomey assisted in the community build of Niantic Park.



In November, Officers and Officers assigned to the Tactical Response Team participated in the Vineyard Montessori School's Touch a Truck "Truckin MV" a family friendly event that children have the opportunity to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks and vehicles from the island community.



The Department in conjunction with the Edgartown Police Department will again be hosting a citizen's police academy this spring.

Please check our website (www.oakbluffspolice.com), twitter and facebook page for announcements and application process. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year and encourage you to reach out to us with any concerns or issues and we will do whatever in our power to help.

The Oak Bluffs Police Department thanks you for your continued support and trust you have given us.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIK G. BLAKE, Chief

Animal Control



Animal Control Officer (ACO), Anthony BenDavid has responded to 204 calls for service in 2015; these calls have primarily included Missing or Loose Dogs, Restrained Dogs, and Missing and Restrained Cats. Anthony is also appointed as Animal Inspector and has inspected 15 farms for the 2015 year. As Animal Inspector, he has the authorization to quarantine dogs and cats as necessary.

A partnership with Animal Health Care, West Tisbury, was formed for all restrained dogs and cats to be brought and cared for when unable to contact their owner (s). Before an animal is released, the owner has to be in contact with Anthony to insure that the animal is properly vaccinated and licensed. If a dog is unclaimed after 10 days, the dog will be brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, Edgartown, to be adopted out. A cat will be



brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, immediately whose owner is unknown to be adopted out.

Anthony, along with the other Island Animal Control Officers, Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, and Island volunteers, formed a group, MV Pet Fixers, which would locate and assist low income families to help spay or neuter dogs and cats. The group utilized Animal Rescue league of Boston's Spay Waggin'. Anthony was able to help spay or neuter 5 dogs and 7 cats from Oak Bluffs.

The ACO is responsible for the following calls while on duty:

1. Domesticated animals that are in distress, causing disturbances or deceased.
2. Any animal related issue that poses a potential public safety hazard.
3. Complaints of animal attacks.
4. Injured or deceased domestic animals.
5. Animal Cruelty.
6. Loose or lost dogs.
7. Restrained dogs or cats.

The ACO is responsible for the following calls while not on duty:

1. Injured or deceased domesticated animals.
2. Calls from the Oak Bluffs Police for emergency assistance.
3. Domestic or wild animals that are causing an immediate health or safety risk to people, domestic animals or livestock.
4. Animal cruelty complaints.
5. Loose dogs that are restrained by the caller.

Categories of Emergency vs. Non-Emergency calls:

When a complaint involving animals is reported to the communications center or the Oak Bluffs Police Department, Oak Bluffs Police personnel will ascertain if it is an emergency or non-emergency incident.

Examples of calls defined as an EMERGENCY:

An animal bite, a mauling of a human in progress, a seriously injured animal, animals attacking each other or animals in the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic that pose an imminent public safety hazard.

Calls that will be defined as NON-EMERGENCY:

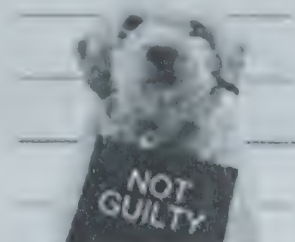
A routine call for service, to make a report or to obtain information regarding animal licensing

Examples of NON-EMERGENCY calls would include:

1. A barking dog complaint.
2. A dog running loose.
3. A lost animal.
4. Town by-law violations.
5. Deceased wildlife animals on public roadways.
6. Unwanted pets.
7. Nuisance complaints.

Calls for Service	Yearly Totals
Missing/Loose Dog	79
Restrained Dog	41
Injured Dog	4
Barking Dog Complaint	1
Dogs left in Vehicles	9
Dog Bites	9
Vicious Dog Complaints	4
Missing Cat	27
Restrained Cat	6
Cat Bites/Scratches	1
Injured Cat	2
Deceased Domestic	14
Loose Farm Animals	7
Yearly totals	204

If you need to contact Anthony, you can reach him at 508-560-9127. You can call the Communication Center at 508-693-1212 or at the Police Department 508-693-0750. His email address is abendavid@oakbluffsma.gov.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Officer Damien Harris has attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. The program is affiliated with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

Officer Harris has a designated time slot weekly when citizens of Oak Bluffs can come to the police department to get hands on training on how to properly install an infant, convertible or booster car seat in their vehicles.

This training provides parents the education, skills and confidence to properly install a child safety seat. Statistically, 7 out of 10 car seats are installed improperly. In 2015, 38 car seats checked; no car seats checked needed to be replaced nor deemed unsafe.

The Oak Bluffs Police Department continues to partner with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital in our CPS efforts. The police department continues to assist the MVH maternity unit with installing infant car seats for new parents. This partnership has been in existence for eight years.

Tactical Response Team

In the fall of 2006, The Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council, comprised of the island's Chiefs of Police, Sheriff McCormack, and Lieutenant Moore of the MA State Police, unanimously voted to create a regional Tactical Response Team to respond to critical incidents in support of the island's patrol force.

The goal of the TRT is to assist member departments in the containment, de-escalation, and ultimate control of critical incidents that exceed the capabilities of standard police resources, thus increasing the likelihood of a safe resolution.

In April, the Team traveled to Verona, NY to attend the New York Tactical Officer's Associations Conference where each officer trained in numerous courses from Resolution of a Barricaded Gunman to Defensive Tactics.

In May, the TRT participated in a 40 hour course put on by California's L.E.A.D.S in MACTAC (Multi Attack Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities) which was developed in the wake of the Mumbai, India attack. This training was put on as a grant training for all of the LECs in southern Massachusetts and was free of charge.

The Team had two call outs in 2015:

- On April 7, 2015 at 03:11 hours, TRT was requested by Chilmark Police to respond to Hammett Lane for the report of a suicidal man with a gun. After TRT was in place, suspect exits residence and was successfully taken into custody with the use of a TASER. Neither suspect nor officers were injured in the encounter.
- On September 5, 2015 at 05:55 AM, TRT was requested by the Edgartown Police Department to

serve a warrant for an alleged violent subject who was wanted for violent crimes. The suspect had allegedly threatened to murder the victim as well as kill any police officers who attempted to capture him. The Team was able to successfully call out the suspect and take him into custody without incident.

The TRT would like to recognize and thank Lieutenant Timothy Williamson for his years of dedicated service to the Team. Lt. Williamson elected to resign from the TRT in October. Lt. Williamson served as a member of the TRT since its inception in 2006 and served as the Team Commander from 2010 until 2015. Lt. Williamson was instrumental in bringing the Team to where it is today.

The MVLEC also named Officer James Craig of the Edgartown Police Department as the new Team Commander in the wake of Lieutenant Williamson's resignation.

The Team continues to maintain the national training standard for these types of specialized units, training a minimum of 8 hours a month and an additional 40 hours of specialized training a year. Officers on the Team do not get paid overtime for their training time.

The Team is also interested in training opportunities and frequently trains in houses that are slated for destruction or full rehabilitation. If you are aware of any such properties in the future, please contact the Teams training officer, Sergeant Steven Conley at the Oak Bluffs Police Department, (508) 693-0750.



TRAINING

Officers have attended trainings throughout the past year. In addition to the statewide in-service training, officers have attended specialized trainings. Sergeant Conley and Sergeant Curelli both attended a two week Sergeant's Basic Leadership School. Officer Cassidy and Officer Mendez attended Field Training Officer School. Detective Morse attended a two week Detectives' Basic Training School. Sergeant Conley and Officer Harlow

attended Firearms Instructor School. Detective LaBell attended Sexual Assault Investigators' school. Officer Cassidy attended Motorcycle School. Officers also received Narcan training which is designed to reverse opiate overdoses.

FIELD OFFICER TRAINING

Officer Cassidy and Officer Mendez attended a 5 day Field Training Officer (FTO) program, located at the Wilmington PD during the 3rd week of November.

The primary goal of the program is:

"To produce a police officer that can work unaided, in a safe, skillful, and professional manner. It is not the task of the FTO Program to produce a fully experienced police officer but a fully trained one."

The Field Training Officer's (FTO) primary ROLE:

"To teach the trainee officer how to think and act as a law enforcement officer".

It is recognized that a field training program cannot expose the trainee to every situation a law enforcement officer may face in their duties; however, it is the intention of the FTO Program to maximize the number of situations a new officer is exposed to, while under the supervision of a Field Training Officer. This will allow the FTO to teach, train, observe, direct, and evaluate the trainee's response to various tasks a law enforcement officer encounters in their day-to-day duties.

Officer Cassidy and Officer Mendez will work for weeks alongside all new hires and year round reserve officers until they are deemed fit by both FTO's as well as the command staff. Once that determination is made, those officers will be able to work on their own.

Boat Crew

The Patrol Boat "Red, White & Blue", operations are under the command of Detective Jeffrey LaBell and officers assigned to the boat crew continued normal operations during 2015. Officer Seth Harlow was assigned to the boat crew and attended a week long Basic Crewman Course in May at Coast Guard Station Woods Hole.

The boat crew performed a variety of outside agency assists which include the agencies of the U.S. Coast Guard, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.), Falmouth Police, Tisbury Police and Edgartown Police.

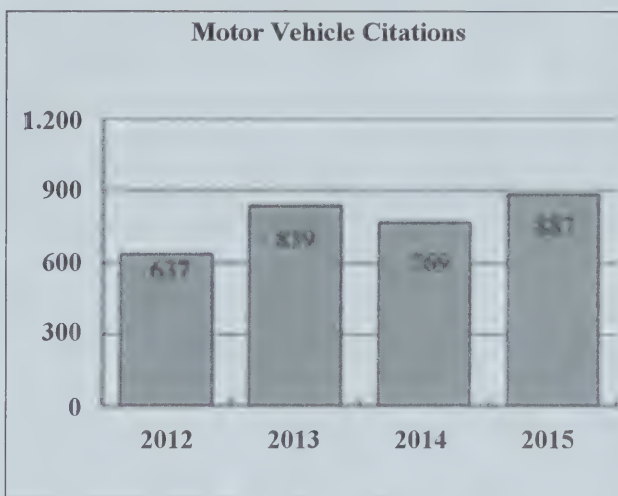
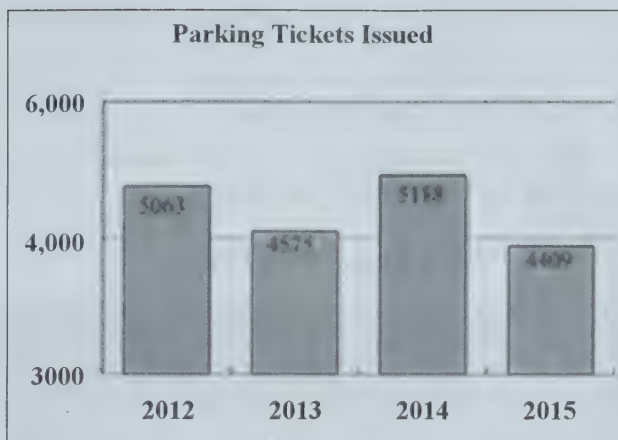
Over the course of the year, three cruise ships visited the waters of Oak Bluffs. These ships were the M/S Amadea on April 24, 2015, the M/S Balmoral on September 25, 2015 and the Pearl Mist on October 25, 2015. Officers assigned to the Boat Crew perform port security operations at all cruise ship arrivals to ensure that all required security protocols are implemented as required by the Facility Security Plan.

Oak Bluffs Police officers responded to 5357 calls for service in 2015. This figure represents dispatched, walk in and self initiated incident reports.



NIBRS (National Incident Base Reporting Systems)

Homicide	0
Sexual Assault	3
Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault	17
Burglary/B&E.....	28
Auto Theft	9
Larceny	60
Vandalism.....	21
Weapons Violations.....	2
Drugs	42
OUI	44
Disorderly Conduct	41
Liquor Law Violations	19
Shoplifting	12
Protective Custody.....	20
Simple Assault.....	38
Trespassing.....	14



••Includes Warnings and Criminal Complaint Applications***

Calls for Service **	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
911 Calls	12	5	5	4	12	17	11	21	14	9	3	7	120
Alarm Calls	37	41	48	35	58	53	75	54	69	48	42	37	597
Lockouts	13	7	6	7	15	16	18	15	13	16	10	10	146
Medical Emergencies	24	18	31	17	33	54	63	66	44	41	43	25	459
Motor Vehicle Stops	99	43	84	63	103	99	132	71	55	56	64	48	897
Noise Complaints	5	1	1	3	10	21	45	31	22	7	1	0	147
Suspicious Activities	9	7	9	11	23	24	37	30	21	22	25	13	231
Welfare Checks	6	2	3	2	3	5	1	8	6	10	4	0	50

** The above statistics are the most frequently reported calls for service as classified by Central Dispatch and may be reclassified after being investigated by the responding officer**

FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to present the 2015 annual report of the Oak Bluffs FIRE-EMS Department.

NEW FIRE-EMS STATION



What an incredible year it has been for the Oak Bluffs FIRE-EMS department! Almost a year to the day after construction began on our station, proud members of the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services gathered along with several town officials, friends, family and residents for the ribbon cutting ceremony of our beautiful new station!



**Chief John Rose speaking at our
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in December.
Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Broadly to the right.
Assistant Fire Chief Manuel Rose to the left.**

Our new station allows our Firefighters and EMS staff to continue to move forward with education and training. The new building has the many necessary tools and space that is critical as we move forward with the ultimate goal of safeguarding our community.

Our new station includes space to house an Emergency Management Operation that includes a Dispatch and Command center. We now have a fully-functional Public Safety Facility that is ready to respond to all the needs of the Oak Bluffs community from one central location. The station also provides as a shelter to the public in need of assistance during times of extreme emergencies.



Some of the features of our new station:

- *Proper Office & Apparatus space**
- * Adequate space for medical supplies**
- * Medical treatment area for the public**
- *Decontamination room for Fire gear**
- *Additional space for meetings, training and drills to educate staff and members as well as Education seminars for the public.**



Meeting Room

We are pleased to continue our service, now in this state of the art new facility. Our service represents a combined effort of career employees and volunteers who respond to emergency Fire and EMS incidents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Continued Integration of FIRE and EMS

Having a combination FIRE and EMS department has been a goal for some time. Although the two had always operated under the same roof, they remained segregated until 2014. 2015 marked the first full year operating as one Department. The past year has shown to be a great success. Having fully trained full time Paramedic's as fire fighters allow career staff to respond to less complex fire calls lessen the impact for working volunteers during the day.



Certified Urgent Care Paramedic's

Because of our geographical location, we are often confronted with unique modes of patient transport such as the US Coast Guard. It is imperative to have trained Paramedics who are fully trained at this advanced level. We now have 6 full time Critical Care Paramedic's.

I am proud of our Paramedic's willingness to go above and beyond in extreme situations to make a difference in a patient's life.



Oak Bluffs Fire Department

Honor Guard

Lead by Anthony Ben David from left to right, Lt. John O'Donnell, Lt. Michael Araujo, Capt Erik Wildanger and Firefighter Kevin O'Donnell. 2 members not shown, Firefighter Chris Flanders and Lt. Nelson Dickson

Our Fire Department Honor Guard serves as representatives of the fire department at formal occasions. We are proud to display our sense of pride and compassion by upholding Honor Guard traditions. Our members look forward to participating in events such as public parades, sporting events, dedications and award ceremonies. When

a member of the Fire Department passes, it is fitting that firefighters who put their lives at risk daily for the public should be given the proper respect upon their passing. Our Honor Guards presence helps show our support and respect to those we have lost, their families and loved ones.



The New Engine 522

Our brand new Engine 522 finally arrived in May of 2015! The new truck replaced our 1980 GMC Pumper Truck. The new Engine 2 contains a Compressed Air Foam System. The system is the most innovated fire suppression technology. This system allows for fires to be extinguished quickly and vastly limits the damage that fires can inflict.



Fire Training / Drills

Two members of the department completed Fire Fighter 1 training. Fire Fighter 1 is roughly 140 hours of training on the basics to be built on by continued training. Congratulations to David Smith, Brian Hall.

Thirteen of our Dive/Water Team completed Basic Water and Boat Based Rescue, training is a 16 hour boat and water based training on water rescue of victims and basic boat handling and trickier techniques such as pacing. When two boats are underway, one maintains course and speed while the other maneuvers alongside and victims or personnel are transferred from one vessel to the other while underway.

Nine members completed a 16 hour Pumps and Hydraulics course. The first day of classroom going over one of the most important things to us (getting the wet stuff to the red stuff) types of pumps, how they work and how to make them work better, and friction loss what it is (the amount of pressure we lose while flowing water), how water reacts in the different sizes and types of hoses, the efficient gallons per minute each size of hose can deliver, different types of nozzles how they operate and what pressures they work. Day two was about putting it all together, pumping from a static water source (ponds, pools, below ground tanks etc.) from an pressurized source(hydrant) putting multiple lines on the ground and flowing as much water as we can using both methods.

Four members completed ICS 300, 24 hours of using the ICS (incident command system) and NIMS (National Incident Management System. ICS 300 dives into managing large scale and sometimes multi day events.



The passing of two retired captains

Otis Rogers

Retired Captain Otis Rogers passed away on January 26, 2016. Capt. Rogers served on the Department for 40 years from 1944-1984. Capt. Rogers was the father of retired Capt. Russell Rogers and the Grandfather of retired Capt. Daniel Rogers. The leadership and dedication that Capt. Otis Rogers displayed inspired his son Russell and his Grandson Daniel to follow in his footsteps and be active members of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department.

Donald Billings

Donald Billings, retired Captain of our department passed away on November 4, 2015. Retired Captain Billings was a member of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department for 40 years, captain for the last 20. He was very proud of his accomplishment, in acquiring his company's original 1929 Maxim fire engine and creating the fire museum with much help from many friends and caring people. We were honored to have Retired Captain Billings serve on the current building committee for our new fire station.

The entire Fire-EMS department are grateful to both of our fallen firefighters for the tremendous sacrifices made over the years in an effort to protect our town.

Congratulations to Matt Bradley who was promoted to 1st Lieutenant of the department. Matt started many years ago as a volunteer EMT with the Ambulance Service. Matt was hired as a full time Firefighter/Paramedic in 2010. Matt moved through the ranks to 1st lieutenant in 2015. Lt Bradley remains active with the Island wide Tactical Response team. Several years ago, an Island wide tactical response team was established to handle critical incidents that surpass the capabilities of standard emergency response.

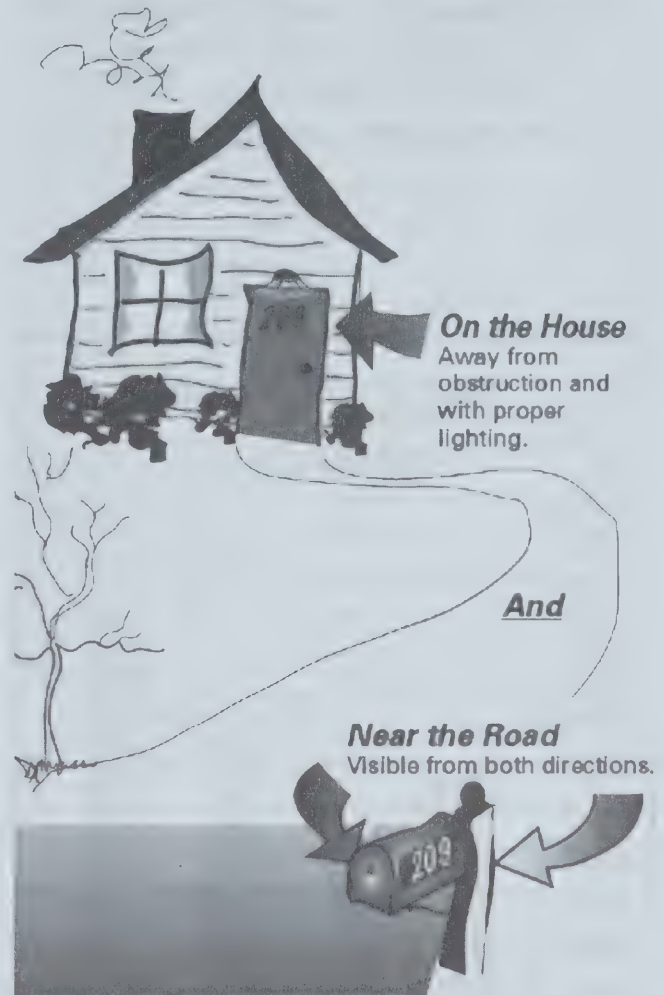
1st Lieutenant Matt Bradley



New Members and Staff

We welcome new full time staff to the department. FF/Paramedic, Thomas Lambert, started full time in May 2015. Paramedic Mike Desrosiers and FF/ Paramedic, Eric Hunter joined us in July 2015. FF/Paramedic David Sweet joined us in August 2015.

We also welcome three new volunteer firefighters; Mike Tellier, James Grillo and Kevin Brennan. We are grateful for your dedication and service to our community.



PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDERS

BE SAFE ! BE AWARE ! BE PROTECTED!

Make sure your smoke alarms are installed properly and TEST THEM MONTHLY!!

SECONDS COUNT IN AN EMERGENCY

Protect your family and property by having large house numbers that are visible from the street. Emergency personnel will find you faster when your home is properly marked.

CPR and First Responder training

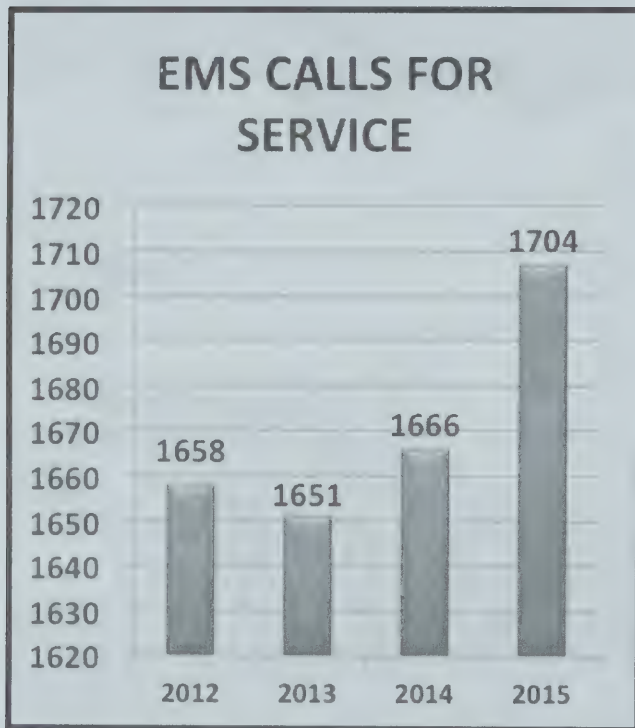
We look forward to utilizing the additional space in our new station so that we may continue to teach CPR and First Responder courses. We provide courses to the public, Fire and Police Departments Island wide as well as day care providers and local business owners and their staff.

*The Oak Bluffs FIRE and
Emergency Medical Service Department
Is dedicated to safeguarding
Our community through the preservation
Of life, property and the environment.
We strive to meet our challenges with
Compassion, professionalism and integrity.*

In closing, I'd like to thank the many residents of Oak Bluffs that supported us and voted for our new Fire-EMS station.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROSE
Chief



BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

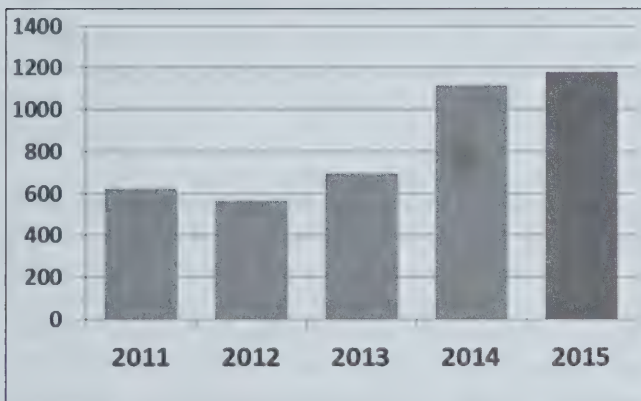
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The 2015 Oak Bluffs construction sector reflected the island's robust and stable real estate market. Building permits saw a 6% increase over 2014 for a total number of 1,184. High permit volume continues to be the new normal, and revenues have increased accordingly to a record high of \$131,000.

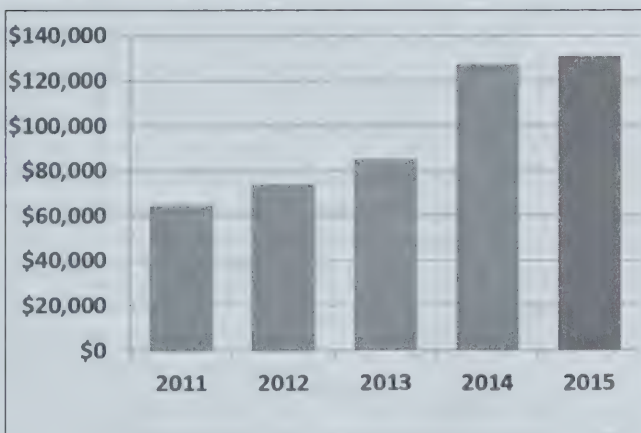
Key statistics:

- ✓ 30% increase in new house permits since 2013
- ✓ Revenues up 6% from last year
- ✓ Record number of permits issued

Permits Issued

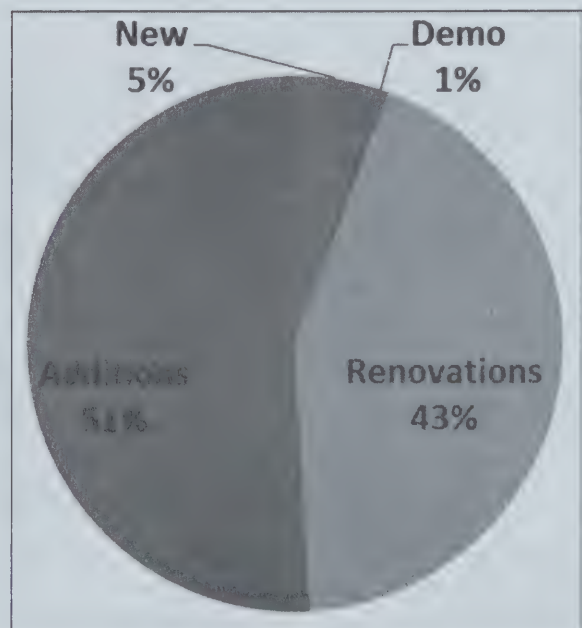


Revenue Generated



Permits Issued By Type

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FEE TOTAL
Accessory structure	\$3,926
C of O	\$150
Addition/alt Com	\$9,254
Commercial Gas	\$1,400
Com. Plumbing	\$2,100
Commercial Wiring	\$8,000
Demo	\$2,750
Express	\$15,375
Mino Structural	\$12,775
Com addition/alt	\$2,099
New Commercial	\$2,215
Residential C of O	\$875
Residential Gas	\$7,670
Residential Plumbing	\$7,735
Residential Wiring	\$13,460
Sheetmetal	\$900
S. Family Alteration	\$20,269
New Single Family	\$17,829
Solid Fuel	\$750
Trench	\$825
Two Family	\$450
Total	\$130,806



Changes & Improvements

The various changes that were made in 2015 will continue in 2016 as we work to promote the overall goals of the Building Department. These include:

1. The creation of new forms and documents to streamline permitting.
2. Continued refinement of the Building Department Web Page to be user friendly, and to contain all necessary information in an accessible format in order to facilitate the permitting process.
3. Approval and implementation of a new fee structure to unburden the taxpayers from the cost funding the Building Department

Looking forward to 2016

In an effort to manage the increasing workload and provide professional services, the building department has requested an additional staff member. We are proposing that the town re-implement the Local Inspector position which was discontinued in late 2011 due to the economic downturn. The new fee schedule, combined with increase in permits, will allow the Building Department to be

entirely self-funded and will not increase the burden on tax payers.

Upcoming changes:

- ✓ A new Local Inspector will benefit the town by assuming the burden of inspections by appointment, thereby allowing the Building Commissioner to tackle long-standing zoning violations. This change will ensure that future building and development in Oak Bluffs, meets the required standards and safeguards the interests of its residents.
- ✓ Review of permit tracking software continues and our goal is to purchase a product by year end that would allow for E-Permitting. This would pave the way for shorter permit turnaround time, better permit tracking and customer service, and increased productivity for both customers and the Building Department.
- ✓ Begin the implementation of digital records.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK BARBADORO
Building Inspector



In Memory of Ernest P. Mendenhall



February 24, 1942 – September 14, 2015

When Oak Bluffs was short of a Building Inspector, Ernie Mendenhall delayed his retirement without hesitation and filled in when Oak Bluffs needed him.

Ernie, a veteran Building Inspector, knew the code and used his skills to make the building department more professional.

An outstanding inspector, and a true gentleman, he will be missed.



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report for
2015 for the Oak Bluffs Highway Department.

The Highway Department is charged with
construction, maintenance, upgrading and repair of Town
streets and buildings, along with the collection and removal
of garbage and snow removal when necessary.

The Department is run by Superintendent Richard
Combra, Jr, with the assistance of Foreman Chris Gibson
and Office Administrator Nicole L Morey. With the
retirement of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator Ken
O'Connor in September, Luis Gonsalves moved up to fill
his position. There are three other year-round Heavy Motor
Equipment Operators: they are James Tripp, Raymond
Oliver, and James Moreis, Jr. There are two full time year
round laborers: Evan Rogers and June Ferreira at the LDO.
There are two part time custodians; McKinley Starks and
Ray Moreis Jr. who cleans the Library. The Cemetery
laborer position is vacant and will be advertised in the
spring of 2016.

The Highway Department hires additional laborers
during the summer months to assist with the daily cleaning
of Circuit Avenue, Ocean Park and around Town. The
Department will have additional money in the budget to
hire more staff to pick up trash on Circuit Avenue, Sea
View Avenue and around the Harbor as well as to clean the
bathrooms during the summer months. We are hoping with
an increase in the hourly wage to \$15.00 that it will attract
more applicants for these positions. We will also be
looking for part-time help at the Local Drop Off from May
through September.

Portions of East Chop Drive, Circuit Avenue
Extension and Uncas Avenue were repaved. The beginning
of Firehouse Lane had new drainage pits put in and was
repaved with funds from both the Highway Department
budget as well as the new Firehouse project budget.

The Fire & EMS Departments moved into their new
station in December and the Highway Department has
moved their equipment back inside. The Highway
Department personnel also assisted the Fire & EMS staff
with moving out of their temporary space at 133 Wing
Road. The trailer that used to house the Fire & EMS office
was moved to the Highway yard as well as the Fire
Department boat and storage trailers. The Highway yard
also houses the Harbor Master and Shellfish Department
boats during the winter months.

Maintenance of Town streets includes sweeping
Circuit Avenue daily during the summer months, plowing
during heavy snow accumulation, clearing streets and bike
paths of sand that accumulates on them over the winter.

The Department trimmed vegetation along Eastville
Avenue and we hope to continue in other areas around
Town.

On January 26th, the island was hit by Blizzard Juno
with Town offices and schools being closed for a few days
which the Highway Department and hired contractors
cleared roads and sidewalks. It is the Highway Department
policy to keep the main roads (i.e. County Road, Barnes
Road, Wing Road, Eastville Avenue, etc.) clear for
emergency vehicles to have access to the hospital.
Secondary roads and dirt roads are cleared once the main
roads are done and alleyways are done last.

After the numerous snow storms in 2015, the Baker-
Polito Administration launched the "Winter Recovery
Assistance Program" through MassDOT; the Town
received \$29,250.00 to help pay for paving projects and
line striping. We are still waiting to hear from FEMA
regarding reimbursement for January 2015 Blizzard Juno.

Highway Department personnel continue to pick up
roadside debris; we ask that residents and visitors alike
refrain from throwing anything out of the vehicles. There is
a Board of Health regulation (Section 18. Disposal of
Household Debris on Town Property) that allows only
trash left for weekly pick-up is to be placed on town
property. All large items such as sofas and TV sets should
be taken to the transfer station. Please contact the Board of
Health office if you see anyone leaving items by the
roadside.

The Highway Department buys the supplies for
cleaning and maintaining all Town buildings and pays for
any repairs needed except at the Oak Bluffs School. New
paper towel dispensers were installed at the Library as well
as the Senior Center where they also get new toilet paper
and soap dispensers.

The Highway personnel continue with the mainte-
nance of all Town park areas as well as cleanup after the
Harbor Festival, Illumination and Fireworks Nights.

The Department keeps one employee at the Town
Local Drop-Off (LDO) year round, where residents can
bring their trash, newspapers, cardboard, co-mingled
recyclables and yard cuttings and leaves. We collect and
dispose of solid waste from Town buildings, trash barrels
placed throughout the downtown area, the dumpsters along
the harbor for boaters and household barrels left at
curbside.

The rubbish trucks do not pick up recycling materials,
metal, appliances, construction debris, Christmas trees,
yard waste or rubbish not in a bag inside a barrel.

We are also responsible with removing dead animals
and other health hazards from Town roads. If it is a wild

animal (squirrel, skunk, raccoon, etc.) please all the Highway Department office at 508-693-0072. If you have lost your pet or find dead domestic animals in a public place, please call the Oak Bluffs Police Department at 508-693-0750.

The Town of Oak Bluffs generated 754.76 tons of solid waste during 2015 which was a decrease of 7% from 2014, and we recycled the following:

Co-mingles	131.17 tons
Newspapers	72.92 tons
Cardboard	54.06 tons

Newspaper and co-mingled recycling increased from the previous year but cardboard recycling decreased; overall recycling decreased by 2% from the previous year.

Household garbage stickers are sold at the LDO (“The Dump”) and certain markets around Town. Vehicle stickers for LDO access can only be purchased at the LDO on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In 2015, \$217,740.00 was turned over the Treasurer’s office; \$185,765.00 in rubbish sticker sales, \$16,525.00 in \$25 vehicle permits, \$13,600.00 in \$10 permits and \$1,850.00 in brush loads.

Revenues generated by the Highway Department in 2015:

• Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$8,600.00
• Gas Revenue	\$11,051.04
• Snow Removal Contract (3)	\$5,000.00
• Shower Tokens	\$1,195.00

The Highway Department personnel decorate all the lamp posts along Circuit Avenue with garlands supplied by the Friends of Oak Bluffs. They put up the holiday lights on the lamp posts in Ocean Park, the Police Station, on the information booth and in Post Office Square Mall. They also set-up and decorate the tree in the Mall for the annual tree lighting ceremony as well as the tree in the Ocean Park Bandstand.

We would again like to thank Crossland Landscape for all the hard work he does for the Town. As well as Jardin Mahoney for the beautiful Post Office Square Christmas tree.

And I would also like to thank all other Town departments for their cooperation and the employees of the Highway Department for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR.
Highway Superintendent

WASTEWATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Our busiest day at the treatment plant was on August 21, 2015 when we processed and treated 278,028 gallons of wastewater. Our average daily flow for the summer months of June, July and August 2015 was 208,176 gallons per day. Our average for the same period in 2014 was 146,890 gallons per day. The total number of treated gallons of wastewater for 2015 was 39.84 million gallons while the total number of gallons treated in 2014 was 30 million gallons.

MONTH	DAILY AVERAGE
January	42,946
February	42,205
March	47,345
April	68,431
May	98,744
June	154,903
July	232,029
August	237,597
September	155,656
October	98,648
November	66,136
December	59,029

The treatment plant opened April 1, 2002 with a customer base of 503 customers and has grown to a current customer base of 704 now. The highest flow in 2002 was 152,949 gallons. The total number of treated gallons that year was 15 million gallons.

The Department again asks for everyone's help with the removal of fat, oil and grease from the collection system. We ask that residents put these items into containers and into the trash rather than pouring them down the drain. Please note that doing this, for those of you with a septic system, will add many years to your septic and for those on sewer it will help alleviate operational problems both at your residence as well as at the treatment facility. We would also like to remind everyone that during power outages the grinder pumps will not run and that you should refrain from using water as much as possible. We would also ask that users refrain from flushing disposable items such as baby wipes, cleaning pads, dental floss etc.

This year we received a coastal community resilience grant from the State for \$187,500 to fund pump station hazard mitigation projects. This grant enabled us to elevate some of the electrical components for the Lake Ave. and Dukes County Ave. pump stations. We were also able to permanently install a elevated generator and run underground power from the Dukes County Ave. pump station to the Lake Ave. pump station for its power needs. Although this funding wasn't enough to remedy all of the pump station potential flooding issues, it opens the door to future grant money that can be applied to other potential flooding issues.

The Department is also in the process of developing plans for the future expansion of both the treatment facility and the sewer areas, while prioritizing locations that include the Lagoon and the Sengekontacket watersheds. The intended expansion will be dependent upon developing a funding strategy acceptable to the town and its taxpayers.

A garage was built to protect the portable generators and other equipment from being stored outside in the harsh environment.



This year we also received a new discharge permit which allows for an additional 250,000 gallons per day discharge to the Leonardo effluent beds which will be necessary when the treatment plant upgrade takes place to allow for the processing of more gallons per day.



I would like to thank the Commissioners Hans von Steiger, Bob Iadicicco and Gail Barmakian as well as the Selectmen for their confidence in me to manage this department effectively. I would also like to thank Lisa Merritt the Administrator/Lab Tech, Gary Jardin a Mechanic Operator and Jared Meader a Junior Operator for doing a great job in supporting me in all we do to continue running such a successful department. Lisa, Gary and I all have grade 6 operator licenses, and Jared Meader has a grade 2 license. We all work well together to continually meet our State permit requirements as well as the town's wastewater needs.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM MONTEITH
Facilities Manager

RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

This past year the part time year round deputy position was funded for the first time since 2008. This was a good step back toward previous staffing levels. However, the seasonal part time position was not funded. We were fortunate to find Chuck Fisher to fill the year round position. Chuck had worked for the Harbormaster several years ago so is familiar to our ponds. He is very comfortable on the water and has great people skills.

We were finally able to dredge and open the Little Bridge channel! The town received funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the project. The cost was \$297,930 and was done by International Golf Construction Company using two local contractors. The channel was filled in by hurricane Sandy in 2012. This was a very important action for the health of the pond. We have a good tidal exchange now. However, we will need to return to our yearly maintenance to keep the channel open. The line item for this work is in the Highway Department budget and I have asked to have that line item be significantly increased

We are still working on the Farm Pond Restoration project that was started in 2004. This past year we received a one million dollar grant from the Estuary Restoration Act toward the implementation of a larger culvert. At last year's annual town meeting the voters of the town agreed to set aside \$125,000 from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) toward the required match. Also at the same meeting we were granted permission to borrow up to \$250,000 toward the match as well.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has been a very strong supporter of this project and had granted us \$50,000 in 2012 for additional funds toward the final design. The project is currently in the permitting phase. If the permitting goes smoothly there is a small chance the culvert could be installed next fall; but more likely fall of 2017. In the mean time we will continue to maintain the culvert.

There is other research and monitoring being conducted in Farm Pond. Some of these are also funded through the Community Preservation Act. In 2012 a grant award was given to Dr. Mary Carman of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) to monitor the health of

the pond pre and post culvert replacement. That year we noticed an anomaly in the sea squirt populations on the eelgrass and larger densities than previously reported for this species. WHOI went back to the CPC requesting funds to sample and monitor a healthier eelgrass bed in Lagoon Pond to use as a reference to the anomaly we saw in Farm Pond.



Eelgrass colonized with seaweed, sea squirts, calcium worms and a seed scallop

During the summer of 2014 and 2015 we noted elevated numbers of the "Clinging Jellyfish" in Farm Pond. These are small invasive animals and only grow to about the size of a quarter but pack a sting! A woman was severely stung in Waquoit Bay this past summer and had to be hospitalized. We searched the scientific literature and found relatively little information. I am working with researchers, Dr. Carmen and Dr. Annette Govindarajan



Clinging Jellyfish

from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to find grant funding to study this species. We would like to evaluate its potential threat to swimmers and shellfishers. To date, we have only found them in eelgrass beds in more sheltered areas.

Water quality monitoring remains a focus of our work and is crucial in addressing the nitrogen issue in our ponds. We work with the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to collect the data. The data collected include temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and conductivity as well as nitrogen levels.

We facilitate the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to collect water samples to be analyzed for coliform bacteria levels. This data set is what the State uses to classify a pond or growing area as to whether it is safe to harvest shellfish or not.

Sengekontacket Pond remains a conditionally approved shellfish harvest area as classified by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries. We are required to close the pond to shellfishing if we received rain above a set standard. We read and record the amount of rain we receive on a daily basis, July's threshold is only 0.2 inches where August to November is one full inch. This past year Sengekontacket was closed for a total of 6 weeks.

In house, we use a 20 micron mesh net to collect samples of the phytoplankton in the water. The samples are brought back to the office and are examined under a microscope. This monitoring serves two purposes. The first we can document what food is in the water for the shellfish to feed on. The second is to act as an early warning system for harmful algal blooms.

We classify two categories of harmful algal blooms. Some can be harmful to the shellfish and some species are harmful to humans, such as "Red Tide". If we see a harmful species population begin to rise (particularly if the is a threat to humans) we can close the pond or have further testing done.

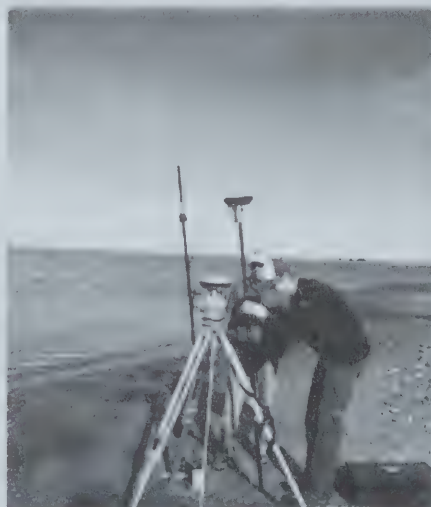
I serve as a member of the Joint Lagoon Pond Nitrogen committee made up of representatives from both Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. This committee is charged with developing recommended actions to reduce the excess nitrogen load in Lagoon Pond. Last year both towns voted to use the watershed map developed by the Massachusetts Estuaries Project as a platform to work from. At the November special town meeting the voters approved the funding to conduct a feasibility study on a treatment option known as "permeable reactive barrier". A permeable reactive barrier, or "PRB," is a wall created below ground to clean up contaminated groundwater. The wall is "permeable," which means that groundwater can flow through it. Water must flow through the PRB to be treated. The "reactive" materials that make up the wall either trap harmful contaminants or make them less harmful. In the

case of nitrogen in the ground water it turns into nitrogen gas and the gas is released into the atmosphere. The treated groundwater flows out the other side of the wall. This option has the potential of reducing the amount of sewerage. Each scenario we have looked at for the solution will require some sewerage in each town. There is no silver bullet to solve the nitrogen issue.

I continue to serve on the drawbridge replacement committee. We are nearing the light at the end of this tunnel as the project heads toward completion. We have received good reports on the new bridge. The project is also developing the areas around the bridge into handicap accessible park land. Renderings (as published in the December MVC Newsletter) of the drawbridge are included later in this report.

Oak Bluffs has granted a 2 acre aquaculture lease off Eastville Beach to Martino's Seafood LLC. They have started growing high quality oysters. They will have Cottage City Oysters for sale this coming summer.

The Community Preservation Committee was once again generous to this department. They funded the Oak Bluffs share of a joint project entitled "Building Shoreline Resiliency Through Salt Marsh Restoration" in Sengekontacket Pond. An equal amount was funded by Edgartown. In this funding are funds for MA Audubon Felix Neck to become a partner and provide an education and public outreach for the project. The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group is another partner as they will be spawning marsh/ribbed mussels for the restoration. With this funding in place I was able to leverage significant funding and in-kind support from the US Environmental Protection Agency's Atlantic Ecology Division (AED). They have agreed to assist in the detailed planning of the project, assist in implementation, analysis of samples collected and additional funding for a fourth treatment method.



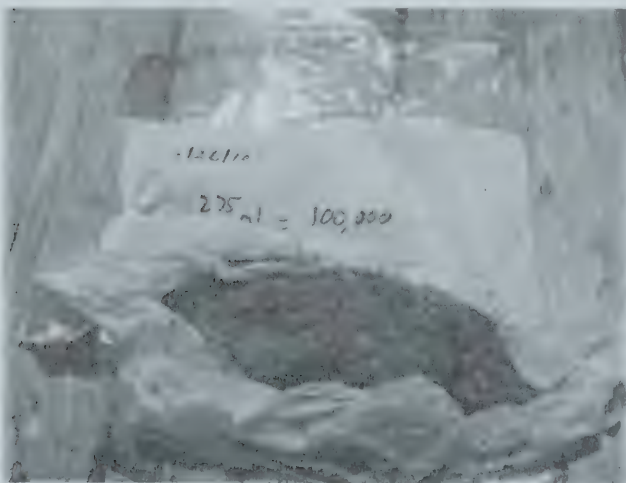
University of Rhode Island preparing to collect specific elevations for the salt marsh restoration

A researcher working for AED took a position at University of Rhode Island. He asked if he could stay on the project and thus URI is now also a partner on the project. He has also assigned one of his masters candidates to the project as well.

I and the Town have developed a very strong collaborative relationship with the EPA's Atlantic Ecology Division as they have either had their own project in Oak Bluffs waters or assisted with other projects in town annually since 2004.

The Community Preservation Act funded a project to grow oysters in Sengekontacket Pond to begin to address the excess nitrogen loading of the pond. In 2013 and 2014 we purchased the field gear we would need for the project. In 2014 we purchased a couple thousand oyster seed, grew them in an upweller until large enough to be held in mesh bags over the winter. This gave us the opportunity to test our methodology and cage types. The cage survived one of our worst winters in many years without being damaged or moved by ice. Over the winter 2014-2015 we built a small tidal upweller that will be used to raise seed oysters in Sengekontacket pond. This past season we purchased 250,000 small seed oysters from a private hatchery. We grew these in the tidal upweller in near the mouth of Major's Cove in Sengekontacket Pond. As the oysters grew we moved them to larger mesh sieves and by the end of the summer were able to put them in still larger mesh bags and into bottom cages to over winter. We had minimal mortality and good growth through the season.

The project was designed to grow 500,000 oyster seed a year. We will bring the project to its design capacity in 2016. The town will have a recreational oyster fishery beginning in November 2016. The town will allow a shellfish permit holder to harvest up to one half bushel of oysters a week. This oyster limit will not count toward the allowable limits currently in place.



Steamer seed as they arrive from the hatchery

We received about two million seed quahogs at one millimeter from the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) this year. These were raised in sand filled nursery rafts anchored off Pecoy Point. These were planted out in early September into Sengekontacket and Lagoon Ponds and the Oak Bluffs Harbor.



Chuck and committee member Fred Huss moving scallop seed

The annual quahog relay brought 600 bushels of adult brood stock to the town this year. These were all planted into Sengekontacket Pond; and these areas were closed this past summer. The areas planted will be opened on a staggered schedule beginning in the spring of 2016.

We again purchased 750,000 steamer clam seed from Plymouth State College. These are 2-4 millimeters long when they are shipped to us overnight. We grow them in an axial flow upweller in Oak Bluffs Harbor each year. For some reason we did not get the fast growth as we have been getting in past years. We keep them in the upweller until they reach 12-15 mm. At this size they need to be placed in sand; they were seeded into Lagoon and Sengekontacket Ponds.



Moving seed bay scallops

As we do each year we get our bay scallop seed from the MVSG. We get them from the hatchery about the size of the head of a pin. The shellfish group sets the very young scallops on a piece of biodegradable cloth and bundles them. We grow the seed in mesh bags hung from surface lines. The MVSG did two spawns this year. The first spawning we began getting seed in July, the second spawning late August. The scallops from the first spawn were seeded out in early September; the second batch went out in early October. The first batch of seed scallops did remarkably well and we had excellent growth. All these seed scallops were planted out into both Lagoon and Sengekontacket Ponds.

This year we saw an anomaly with the bay scallops in Sengekontacket Pond! The vast majority of them were very large seed and nubs (an immature bay scallop with a growth ring near the hinge). Much of this seed were the size of adults in past years. I made a very tough and unpopular decision to keep the pond closed and not open it for harvest.

In not opening the pond to scalloping, we are given an unusual and unique opportunity to try to get the scallop stocks to rebound and set a base for future years. Yes there were some adults in the pond and some commercial limits could have been gathered. The option of allowing the take this year would have been short sighted. A few years ago Tisbury closed their most productive West Arm in the Lagoon that resulted in huge season the following year. Several years ago this also occurred in Nantucket when most of their harbor was closed to harvest due to large seed present and resulted in greater seasons the next couple years. Dr. Valerie Hall of Maria Mitchel Association on Nantucket documented the following in her doctoral dissertation:

“Only about 40% of the nubs reproduce the following spring; the rest wait until their second spring. In the second spring it was found that they are able to reproduce equally as well compared to the early spawned scallops. Nub scallops may be very important in maintaining the scallop

population under harvesting pressure or detrimental environmental conditions. For example, in 2009 an algal bloom or “rust tide” wiped out much of the early summer spawned larvae but the late spawned larvae were fine”.

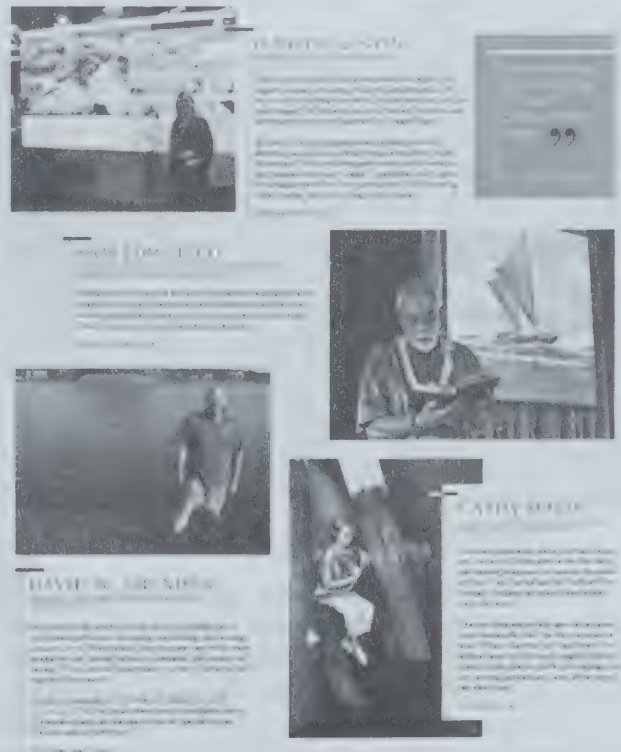
There was a good set of seed scallops in Lagoon Pond as well, however not as big and more easily identified as seed.

Working with MVSG we have deployed experimental midwater lines seeded with kelp to evaluate if kelp could be a winter crop for local aquaculture. The shellfish group received a small grant to evaluate if this could be a viable winter crop for aquaculture here on the island. Kelp is becoming a sought after crop and the commercial growers in Maine report they sell 100% of their crop and could sell more if it was available. Current State law does not allow the commercial culture of sea weeds. Many seaweeds are being marketed as “Sea Vegetables. The MVSG has a special research permit for this project.

Part of this job requires me to support and collaborate with pond and conservation minded associations. This past year the Friends of Sengekontacket Inc. (FOS) recognized that this department was and has been understaffed for years. FOS provided funding for an intern position or 32 hour per week. This position was shared by Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and the Martha’s Vineyard Commission. Oak Bluffs had her for 16 hours each week. FOS advertised for and hired the intern and funneled her pay through the MVC. The person they hired was Kallen Sullivan. She is attending St. Andrews in Scotland. Kallen and her family

CLAN HEROES

WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT? WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE THE OCEANS?



Ready to plant the scallop seed in Lagoon Pond

Page from Origins magazine

have summered on the vineyard for many years and recently moved to the island on a year round basis. Kallen was an excellent help and you could see she soaked up new information and skills like a sponge. This internship was a success as each party benefited.

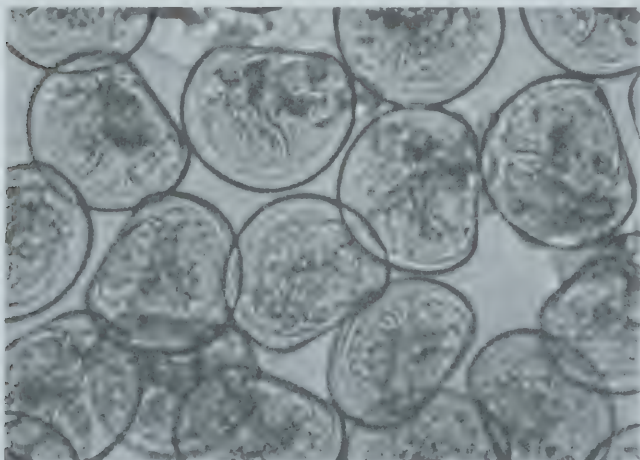
I was honored being named an "Ocean Hero" by the magazine "Origins" this past year. Another Oak Bluffs resident Sam Low was also named an Ocean Hero as well. OrigSins is a magazine published in California but has national distribution. To read the article go to: <http://www.originmagazine.com/2015/10/28/ocean-heroes-what-are-you-passionate-about-what-can-we-do-to-save-the-oceans/>

I had to have shoulder surgery this summer. Jason did a great job keeping our projects going while I was out. He and Chuck would not let me assist in the heavier gear work through the fall. I can state that my shoulder is fully recovered!!

Finn Norton, a MVRHS student did a short internship with us in the fall of 2015. He worked primarily with Jason bringing in field gear. He was a big help.

This past year I attended three conferences. The National Shellfisheries Association was held in Monterey CA. At this conference I discussed details for the proposed saltmarsh restoration project with friends and colleagues. This strengthened and expanded the project to beyond the work proposed to the Community Preservation Committee.

This past October I also took advantage of attending the International Oyster Symposium as it was held in Falmouth and I commuted.



2 day old bay scallops - photo by MVSG

I presented some of the work we have been doing in Farm Pond at the International Invasive Sea Squirt Conference. Other colleagues presented on other ongoing projects in Oak Bluffs; most of them done with funding from the Community Preservation Act. Two of the presentations regarding Oak Bluffs were selected for publication in Management of Biological Invasions (special IISSC-V issue)

Distribution and diversity of tunicates utilizing eelgrass as substrate in the western North Atlantic between 39° and 47° north latitude (New Jersey to Newfoundland) Mary R. Carman^{1*}, Philip D. Colarusso², Eric P. Nelson², David W. Grunden³, Melisa C. Wong⁴, Cynthia Davidson⁶, Sophia Fox⁷, Hilary A. Neckles⁸, Holly Bayley⁷, Stephen Schott⁹, Jennifer A. Dijkstra¹⁰, Sarah Stewart-Clark¹¹

Quantifying the ecological impact of invasive tunicates to shallow coastal water systems Phil Colarusso^{1*}, Eric Nelson¹, Suzanne Ayvazian², Mary R. Carman³, Marty Chintala², Sinead Grabbert², David Grunden

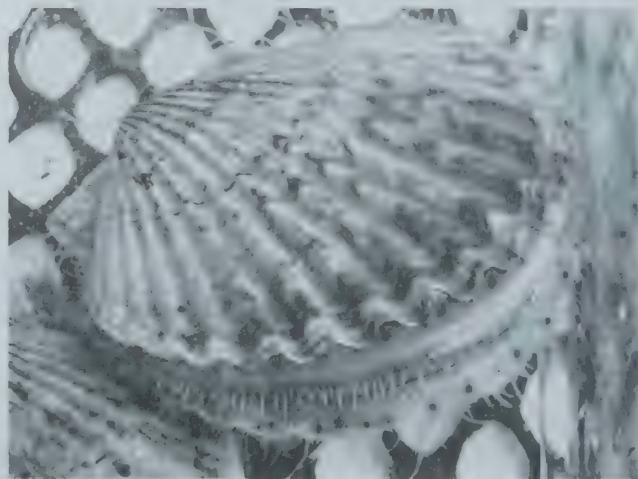
I gave formal presentations to three Island non-profit groups; Rotary Club, Lagoon, Pond Association, and the Neighborhood Convention.

As the Shellfish Constable for the town I also serve as Herring Warden, Assistant Harbor Master, Member of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group Board of Directors (also Treasurer and Corporate Clerk), member of Scientific Advisory Board for Friends of Sengekontacket, Lagoon Pond Association Board of Directors, Member of the Joint Tisbury/Oak Bluffs Wastewater Committee, Member of the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, and a member of the Drawbridge Replacement Committee.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my staff, other Town Departments especially the Highway Department and Community Preservation Committee, volunteers, neighboring towns, Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group and colleagues from United States Environmental Protection Agency's Atlantic Ecology Division, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, United States Geological Survey, University of Rhode Island, as this work could not have been done without them.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. GRUNDEN
Shellfish Constable



Bay Scallop



When the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge opened to traffic on November 24, it was the culmination of a ten-year collaboration between the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and MassDOT, largely facilitated by the MVC.

Though there was some controversy in the earliest days about the necessity of building a temporary bridge, the rest of the process was a model of open cooperation. This is mainly as a result of having a standing Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee representing Island interests to speak for the Island in dealings with MassDOT throughout the complex planning, design, and construction process. The Committee succeeded in ensuring that the design harmonized with its surrounding, that landscaping improved open space and waterfront access under and around the bridge, and that environmental impacts were minimized.

Tisbury Selectman Melinda Loberg, Chair of the Lagoon Pond Committee, Tisbury selectman Tristan Israel, Oak Bluffs selectman Gail Barmakian, and former MVC Executive Director Mark London, were in the first cars to cross the \$40-million bridge.

2015 SHELLFISH LICENSES ISSUED

Recreational			
Resident	204	@ \$40	\$8,160
Senior	289	@ \$5	1,445
Veteran	78	Free	
Non-resident	2	@ \$400	800
One week	88	@ \$30	2,690
Two week	6	@ \$55	330
One month	2	@ \$80	160
Recreational total	673		\$13,585
Commercial	13	@ \$350	4,550
Grand total	686		\$18,135

Income generated from license sales 74.9% recreational and 25.1% commercial



Shellfish licenses issued in 2015

Estimated landings recorded as bushels

	Recreation	Commercial	Total
Bay scallops	135	360	495
Quahogs	513	260	773
Soft shell clams	39		56

These estimates of quahog and soft shell clam were lower than in past years as Sengekontacket pond was closed to all shellfishing for 20 days this summer due to rain events.

The bay scallop numbers were lower in part by closing Sengekontacket Pond to bay scalloping this year. The closure was a management decision to protect the very large seed from harvest. Recent science conducted on Nantucket reports that 40% the scallops referred to as nubs or quirks do not spawn until their second spring/summer.



2 day old bay scallop larvae

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. Our program received funding from the six Island towns, The US Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe, the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Chilmark Ponds Association, the Farm Neck Foundation, Patagonia and other private donors. Highlights of our 2015 program are as follows:

Solar Shellfish Hatchery - The key mission of our shellfish program is to augment natural shellfish recruitment and maintain a critical mass of broodstock in the Island ponds. To that end, we annually produce millions of seed shellfish for release in the ponds. In 2015, we produced 10 million seed quahogs, almost 18 million seed scallops, over 82 million scallop larvae and eggs, over 6 million eyed oyster larvae, over 616,000 single oyster seed. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful ongoing shellfish enhancement effort. We produced an additional 5 million blue mussel seed to support the development of private shellfish farms.

Expansion into the John T. Hughes Hatchery – In 2015 we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) expanding our shellfish culture operations into the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. Under the lease agreement, DMF provided funding for utilities and one part-time technician. The arrangement provides additional hatchery and nursery capacity to complement our operations at the Solar Hatchery and Chappaquiddick Shellfish Nursery resulting in increased shellfish seed production.

Improvements at the Chappaquiddick Nursery – Under private foundation funding, the Edgartown Shellfish Department installed new seawater lines to improve water flow and seed production at our satellite shellfish nursery facility.

Oyster Restoration – In 2015, with funding from the Jewish Communal Fund and the Great Pond Foundation,

we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. The overall goal of these projects is to restore the number of oysters in the ponds to levels at which this keystone species can again provide its vital ecosystem functions to restore ecological balance to the local marine environment. Following our restoration efforts, we are observing a continued expansion of the oyster populations in both ponds.

Shell Recycling Project – When shellfish are harvested, shells are removed from the pond. Shell provides critical habitat for oysters and is increasingly important as a natural buffer to reduce the negative effects of acidified seawater on marine organisms, including shellfish. With funding Patagonia and the Farm Neck Foundation, we continued our shell recovery program.

Pilot Seaweed Culture Project – Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture edible seaweeds on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen and to provide a healthful local food product. This year we successfully grew kelp sporelings in an improved seaweed culture system constructed at the Hughes Hatchery.

Nitrogen Bioremediation - Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Conventional nitrogen removal by way of the construction and operation of sewage treatment facilities will be very expensive. With supplemental funding from the towns of Chilmark and Tisbury, and grants from the Edey Foundation, Chilmark Ponds Association and Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, we continued investigations of alternative, biological means of nitrogen mitigation including the use of oyster reefs, ribbed mussels, floating islands, living shorelines, and the harvest of invasive *Phragmites* reeds. In October we were awarded \$135,693 from the EPA to conduct an innovative investigation of nitrogen removal through *Phragmites* harvest.

More detailed reports of our work are posted on our website www.mvshellfishgroup.org, and on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY
Shellfish Biologist/Director

SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2015

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Quahogs	Aquinnah	2,000,000	
	Chilmark	2,000,000	
	Edgartown	2,000,000	
	Oak Bluffs	2,000,000	
	Tisbury	2,000,000	
	Total Quahog Seed	10,000,000	
Scallops	<u>Seed on Burlap (estimated)</u>		
	Aquinnah	3,500,000	
	Chilmark	3,500,000	
	Edgartown	3,500,000	
	Oak Bluffs	3,500,000	
	Tisbury	3,500,000	
	Gosnold*	160,000	
	Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000	
Total Scallop Seed	17,810,000		
Scallop Larvae & Eggs	Lagoon Pond	26,625,000	
	Sengekontacket Pond	26,500,000	
	Menemsha (Quitsa) Pond	20,000,000	
	Katama Bay	6,700,000	
	Lake Tashmoo	2,435,000	
	Total Scallop Larvae & Eggs	82,260,000	
Oysters (Disease-resistant)	Oyster Larvae & Eggs		
	Tisbury	Edgartown	Lagoon Pond***
	Great Pond	Great Pond**	
	Fertilized eggs	51,711,000	51,711,000
	8 Day old larvae	2,000,000	
	10 Day old larvae	2,575,000	4,575,000
	11-12 Day old larvae	5,090,000	5,090,000
	23 Day old larvae	300,000	
	Eyed -larvae		
	(Remotely Set)	3,728,750	1,350,000
Total Oyster Larvae & Eggs	129,130,750		
Single Oyster Seed	Edgartown Great Pond**	308,427	
	Tisbury Great Pond	308,427	
	Total Single Oysters	616,854	
Blue Mussels***	Total Mussel Eyed-Larvae (Remotely Set)	5,000,000	

*Provided under contract

**Provided under private foundation funding

*** Produced under special project funding

HARBORMASTER/MARINA

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The following report is for the 2015 season at the Oak Bluffs Marina, which ended on November 1st.

The objective of this report as always is to assess the performance of the Marina in its latest season, and to identify goals for the organization in the coming year.

Current Year Financial Results

The Marina had yet another record breaking season! Great weather and lower fuel prices resulted in the marina taking in \$1,060,227.00. A \$55,426.44 increase over the previous year. Again, this was achieved without any price increases for dockage at the marina. It is important to note this figure doesn't include the income from the new fuel facility.

This was the second season with the new fuel dock. The past season saw the fuel dock sell over 135,000 gallons of gas / diesel fuel. This is a 54,000 gallon increase

over 2014. Predictions for the 2016 season are expected to be even higher as word continues to get out about our efficient service and fair pricing.

Oak Bluffs Marina Goals for 2016 Season and Beyond

In order to maintain and build the Marina as a reliable continued revenue source for the Town, planning must be made several years ahead at any time. As we go forward consideration and resources need to be put into infrastructure repairs and improvements especially in regards to the jetties and electrical service serving the marina.

I look forward to continued support of the Town's people and the Board of Selectmen as we move forward and continually improve this unique asset that is our harbor and marina.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD ALEXANDER
Oak Bluffs Harbormaster



Launch - a busy day



Oak Bluffs Harbor



Sunset



Old Oak Bluffs Harbor

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Conservation Commission is the Town board charged with protecting the community's natural resources. This is done in several ways:

- Administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and Town Wetlands Bylaw
- Open Space management and protection/Natural resources planning
- Advise/educate other municipal officials and citizens on conservation issues

Although administering the WPA and Town Wetlands Bylaw takes up the majority of the Commission's time, this year the Commission focused heavily on open space preservation and climate change adaptation planning.

Open Space and Climate Change Adaptation

The Town owns, and the Commission manages, the 15-acre Sailing Camp Park conservation property on Barnes Road and Lagoon Pond.

This year, using Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, a **walking trail system** was constructed at the **Sailing Camp Park**. The trails allow the public to enjoy the park's natural resources, its solitude and beauty, and views of Lagoon Pond and the outer Vineyard Haven Harbor. The trails are located in an area of Town with a large year-round population that is otherwise lacking in parks, trails, and scenic vistas. The trails are ADA accessible and open to the public from dawn to dusk. The park also has a public beach.



Sailing Camp Park Walking Trails Map

Restoration of an eroding coastal bank at the Sailing Camp Park was another CPA-funded project completed this year. The bank was stabilized by planting native vegetation, and natural, biodegradable fiber blankets

were used to help stabilize the vegetation. This project is an example of a "living shoreline," – the use of natural materials, as opposed to hard structures, to protect coastal resources. This also serves as a pilot project to help educate private property owners on appropriate bank restoration techniques. Protecting the bank helps preserve the upland park for public enjoyment and passive recreation.

In 2015 the Commission updated the Town's **Open Space & Recreation Plan**. The Plan is an inventory of the Town's parks and natural resources, including goals and objectives for improvements to and preservation of open space and recreational properties. A state-approved plan makes the Town eligible for specific funding opportunities. The three main goals of the 2015 Plan are:

- To address the impacts of climate change on the Town's shoreline
- To reduce the amount of nitrogen and other pollutants in the Town's coastal ponds, and
- To improve existing recreational facilities and park land

In the plan these goals are broken down into specific projects. The Plan can be viewed at the Conservation office and will be posted on the Town website.

In a major goal toward understanding the impacts of climate change on the Town's shoreline, the Commission, again with CPA funding, hired a professional consultant to develop a **Coastal Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan**. This is a critical planning tool because the open spaces and recreational values of our shoreline are the economic backbone of the Town. The plan identifies the most vulnerable sites including the Oak Bluffs Harbor and Sunset Lake, the Crystal Lake area, Sea View Avenue near Farm Pond, and Beach Road. Recommendations for adaptation measures are included in the final plan, which will be available at the Conservation office and on the Town website. Over 70 people attended a public presentation on the plan in September, a sign that the need to address climate change issues is well understood among the residents of Oak Bluffs. These issues include increased coastal flooding, beach erosion, and sea level rise.

In December I attended the first **National Conference on Living Shorelines**. Living shorelines can help keep carbon out of the atmosphere and reduce the impacts of climate change. Examples of living shorelines include coastal bank, beach and salt marsh restoration, and shellfish mitigation such as oyster reef restoration. (At some sites, like the North Bluff, hard structures are necessary to protect vital coastal infrastructure.) The conference addressed the science behind climate change impacts and the benefits of creating living shorelines.

2015 Trail System - Sailing Camp Park



The Town is waiting for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to begin an alternatives analysis for **stabilization of the East Chop bluff**. The bluff was chosen as a priority project by DCR last year.

The **North Bluff seawall replacement and boardwalk project** will be completed by June 30, 2016. This project is funded by \$5.6 million in DCR Dam and Seawall and Seaport Council grants. The failed concrete seawall will be replaced with a steel sheet pile seawall and revetment with an ADA accessible boardwalk on top. The steel seawall is able to be constructed deeper than a concrete seawall and will thus provide better protection against storms and storm surge. The seawall will protect the coastal bank, the heavily travelled road, and the homes and businesses on Sea View Avenue Extension. The boardwalk will provide safe and scenic pedestrian passage and connect with the very popular fish pier.

The Town is working on permitting for a **major beach nourishment project** to add sand to the beaches from Jetty Beach south along the North Bluff and all the way to the southern end of Inkwell Beach. This project will enhance the recreational value of the Town's popular in-Town beaches and provide protection to roads and structures from climate change impacts. The sand will wash away and

need to be replenished again and again – a costly proposition, but Town leaders understand the critical importance of preserving the beaches.

Wetlands Protection

In 2015 the Commission reviewed over 40 permit applications for projects in and near wetlands. All but four were approved with conditions regulating the work to protect the wetlands. The four denials were based on a lack of information upon which to base a decision. The approved projects included home additions, new construction, coastal bank restorations, septic upgrades, landscaping, and viewscape projects.

Nitrogen in Coastal Ponds

The Commission is represented on the Joint Oak Bluffs/Tisbury Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee that is seeking solutions to reduce nitrogen in Lagoon Pond. The Commission is also working with the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group to look at the nitrogen removal capacity of Phragmites. Thank you to Shellfish Constable Dave Grunden for all his work on reducing nitrogen in the coastal ponds.

Sailing Camp Park Mainstay:

The Commission has re-evaluated the rental policies for the Sailing Camp Park mainstay building. Because the

conservation property was purchased in part with state Self-Help funds, mainstay rentals are allowed for "community uses." The Commission will focus on renting the mainstay for small, local uses such as community meetings, potluck celebrations and small-scale, resident weddings. The Commission has determined that rental of the mainstay for large, catered functions conflicts with the conservation uses for which the park was purchased. For information on mainstay rentals please call 508-693-6777.

The Commission thanks John Breckenridge for his diligence and commitment as marketing administrator for the mainstay. A new position will be created this year for a park manager/events coordinator.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to John Breckenridge for his many years of service as a Conservation Commissioner.

Thank you to the Community Preservation Committee, Shellfish Department, Highway Department, Parks Commission, Building Department, Health Department, Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for much support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZ DURKEE
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission
JOAN HUGHES, chairman
PENNY HINKLE, vice-chairman
TERRY APPENZELLAR
MARGARET KLUGMAN
RON ZENTNER

PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the Oak Bluffs Park and Recreation Department.

The daily maintenance of the parks during the summer continues to be performed by the Highway Department personnel and a contract with Crossland Landscape for Ocean Park. We would like to thank them for their hard work at keeping the parks maintained.

We will continue with the Sunday evening concerts in the Ocean Park Bandstand by the Vineyard Haven Band.

The Niantic Park Restoration began in the spring in 2015. The project included rebuilding the original basketball court, repurposing two tennis courts to make a multi-purpose court and an additional basketball court. Restoration of the original shed to include an ADA accessible bathroom, new walkways, lighting and fencing were also added. Funding for the project came from CPA funds, fund raising, donations and a grant from the Permanent Endowment Fund. We would like to thank Recreation Director Marc Rivers for his endless hours of work keeping this project on track.

The Children's Playground at Niantic Park became a project of its own. An ambitious group of parents took on the challenge. A large volunteer community build took place that included landscapers, carpenters and hundreds of dedicated citizens.

2016 will bring back the Town's basketball program and Battle in the Bluffs. Thank you to Mike Joyce (Town

program), Ian Thomas Minor and Arthur Andrews (Battle in the Bluffs) and Omar and Mike Daniel (Vineyard Street Ball Classic) for fund raising and their years of commitment to the basketball program.

We continued with lifeguards at Town and Pay Beach. We ask that beach goers refrain from going out onto the jetties. We also ask that dog owners remember that from May 15th to September 15th the following rules apply:

Town Beach "Inkwell" Beach – no dogs permitted between 7 am and 5 pm

Other Town Beaches – no dogs permitted between 8 am and 5 pm

We received CPA funds for Phase II of the Oak Bluffs Parks evaluation plan. This project will develop both short and long term improvements plans for Copeland District parks.

The Parks continue to support local events; Fireworks, Illumination, The Wind Festival, The African-American Festival, Della Hardman Day, Midsummer Faerie Festival and The Open Market.

Allen A deBettencourt (Buddy) was re-elected to the Park Commission in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY BILLINGS
ALLAN A DEBETTENCOURT
RICHARD COMBRA, JR.



EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Colleen McAndrews, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Ms. McAndrews:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills they need to compete in today's economy.

There are several personnel changes that have occurred over the past year. At the high school, Gil Traverso accepted a position in New Haven, CT in August and Ms. Peg Regan was appointed as the Interim Principal for the year. Ms. Regan successfully served as principal of the high school from 1999 to 2008. Additionally, the high school had a change in leadership in its Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. Ty Hobbs left the Island and was replaced with Barbara-Jean Chauvin as our Vocational Director. Barbara-Jean comes from Norfolk County Agricultural High School where she served as the Vocational Coordinator. Finally, Cliff Dorr joins the high school staff as our new Director of Technology. Cliff served as the Technology Coordinator in Oak Bluffs before moving to the high school administrative team.

There have been several changes in personnel at central office as well. Richie Smith, formerly the principal of the Oak Bluffs School, has been hired as the Assistant Superintendent. The skills and experience that Richie brings to the position will benefit all of our students across the island. We also welcomed Hope MacLeod as our Interim Director of Student Services after the retirement of Phil Campbell in August. Hope's experience coordinating the Bridge and Social Skills programs will be an asset in her new role. Additionally, Melissa Ogden has been hired as our Shared Programs Coordinator/Consultant and has done a terrific job overseeing our Bridge, Social Skills, and Extended School Year programs. Jen Royal has moved out of the Project Headway preschool classroom and into our Early Childhood Coordinator position. Jen's experience as a teacher in the program has been a tremendous asset. Finally, we welcomed Erika Mulvey as our Title I Coordinator. Erika replaces Meredith Goldthwait who accepted a teaching position at the Tisbury School.

At the Oak Bluffs School, Megan Farrell has stepped in as Interim Principal. Megan had been serving as the Administrator for Curriculum and Support in the building. In this role, Megan has been working closely with teachers to align curriculum and analyzing assessment data to make instructional decisions. She moves into the role after the retirement of Jacky Rizzo.

Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith and I have been working with our administrative team and the island-wide educational staff to bring Professional Development that meets the professional needs of our staff and aligns with our mission to provide a world-class education. Two initiatives in which we are currently engaged are STEAM education and confronting the challenges of anxiety. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education integrates these disciplines to foster the 21st century skills students need in order to compete in today's economy. A STEAM curriculum engages students in real world projects that require them to work independently or in teams to find solutions to difficult questions and/or situations. Our science teaching staff, along with support from central office, arranged for Dr. Yvonne Spicer of the National Center for Technological Literacy to visit the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools to speak with educators about developing a comprehensive K-12 STEAM curriculum. The visit was the first step in MVPS participating in the Gateway Project, a Boston Museum of Science program that will culminate in the development of a K-12 STEAM plan. This plan will coordinate our resources throughout the curriculum and provide our students with an extensive STEAM education.

Additionally, we have partnered with the Island-Wide Youth Collaborative and the Youth Task Force to bring Ms. Lynn Lyons to the Island. Ms. Lyons is a child psychologist who specializes in confronting and overcoming anxiety. In early December, Ms. Lyons presented her ideas to school staff, students, and parents. Her message is simple: Anxiety is a part of life, and we all need to learn how to effectively tackle the challenges that it brings and experience the benefits of successfully navigating through anxiety inducing situations.

At the high school, we have conducted several studies to examine the needs of the facility in the areas of HVAC, building envelope, cafeteria kitchen, the school track, and space needs. Tappe Architects are leading us through an examination of the findings and presenting options for a

facility upgrade. In addition, the Tisbury School has applied for assistance from the Massachusetts School Business Authority (MSBA) in the hopes of receiving a grant to either build a new school or renovate the existing facility. We should know the decision of the MSBA Board by the end of January.

All five bargaining units across the Island – teachers, ESP's, custodians, ASP's, and cafeteria workers – are in the final year of their contracts. We are currently in negotiations with the teachers and will soon begin bargaining with the other units. Salary will be negotiated along with any language changes to current contracts.

Several teachers will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the Tisbury School, Mary Ellen McElroy, School Adjustment Counselor, and math teacher Lori

DeBettencourt will be moving on. Football coach and PE teacher Don Herman will be retiring from the high school along with Assistant Principal Andrew Berry. Finally, the Edgartown School will bid farewell to classroom teacher Cindy MacDonald-Smith, Reading Specialist Deb Orazem, math teacher Linda Brown, science teacher Gail Meister, and custodian Michael Lynch. Each of these staff members has between thirteen and twenty-nine years of service to the Island's students.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island Schools' Superintendent. The Island is not only a beautiful location, but also a supportive and welcoming community.

MATTHEW D'ANDREA, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Report to the Towns
MVRHS
Margaret Regan, Interim Principal

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

It has been my honor and privilege to return this year as the interim high school principal under your leadership and the leadership of assistant superintendent Richard Smith as well as our dedicated MVRHS School Committee members. Together with our staff, students, and parent community, we have accomplished great things because of each town's support. We are truly grateful for the resources provided by our six towns who have funded and feted us for the last fifty-six years. Since 1960 when the first graduating class celebrated the opening of the new regional high school to June 12th, 2016 when the next class crosses the stage at the Tabernacle, we serve as the flagship school.

Below are some of the highlights of the year by department.

Career and Technical Education

The CTE department has welcomed a new director, Barbara-Jean Chauvin who brings experience and wisdom garnered from working in several Massachusetts comprehensive high schools. Her insight and leadership are valuable resources in a effort to expand and improve all CTE programs.

Ken Ward, teacher in the Automotive Technology program, is enthusiastically training students on new alignment equipment, a new heavy duty lift, and a state of the art vehicle brake lathe machine. The automotive students have begun their 10 hour OSHA General Industry Certification mandatory for all CTE students.

Health Assisting, the newest program in the CTE Department, welcomed instructor Mary Vivian. Mary brings experience in several clinical settings including school nurse for Oak Bluffs School. Her knowledge of the health care industry and her love of students have made her excellent addition to the department. The students in the Health Assisting program just completed their first blood pressure clinic. The clinic, held during school lunches, spurred excitement within the class and the students plan similar events to educate the student body on critical health issue.

This fall, the Horticulture Department, under the direction of John Wojtkiel, implemented a program to raise trout. This is the first time trout have been raised in the aquaponic/ hydroponic system. Look for the fish to grace the menu of the Culinary Arts program when they plan their spring events. In addition to the trout, the students of horticulture have begun planting bulbs, finalizing landscape plans for the front of the high school, and propagating plants for the annual spring plant sale.

Chef Jack O'Malley's Culinary Arts students have been busy preparing for Servsafe Certification. This certification is nationally recognized and is a valuable asset for any young culinarian. Additionally, students have continued to host events for local groups, always with an eye towards including produce grown in the horticulture program and the school garden. The school garden, supported by Island Grown Schools, provides produce for both the culinary program and the school cafeteria.

Over the last year our Building Trades Program taught by Bill Seabourne has been involved with several projects around the school. The students installed split rail fencing, built a shed to handle and store horticultural materials, and designed and constructed the pergola at the front entrance. This project was a collaboration between building trades and the architecture program. Patrick Nascimento, a student of both programs, brought his design to fruition.

Maritime Sciences, with Brock Callen at the helm, continues to expand its presence within CTE. This is the seventh year MVRHS has offered seamanship science with the support of Sail MV. The program is the first of its kind and is in preliminary stages of state approval. The Maritime Sciences program has helped several students, with the credentials obtained through the program, to attend Maritime colleges or enter into the maritime industry.

Barbara-jean Chauvin

English

The class of 2015 had the fourth highest SAT scores in school history. For the first time in our school's history, all sophomores passed the 2015 English MCAS exam.

The English department sponsored a new event at the high school last spring called Writers Week. The goal of the event was to promote and celebrate writing beyond the classroom. Two dozen Island writers attended the event, delivering coffee house style readings and teaching lessons about writing in more than 35 classrooms. English teachers Christine Ferrone, Spencer D'Agostino, and Elaine Hays helped to organize the event.

The students taking the English department's Advanced Placement exams continued their outstanding rates of success. While nationally, about 63 percent of the students taking the exams earn a passing grade, nearly 90 percent of the high school students who took the exam earned a passing grade of 3, 4, or 5. In fact, for the first time in the history of the AP program at the high school, seven students in one class all earned perfect scores of 5.

Five of our students had their poems and stories published in Fine Lines Journal, an international publication edited by David Martin.

Brendon Snyder attended an off-island training session to learn more about the SMARTS online curriculum. The

Alternative Education Department is using the SMARTS curriculum to help students build executive functioning skills. The goal is to provide our students with a tool kit of skills to help them find success in high school and beyond.

Kate Hennigan completed her Master's degree in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. She also attended a conference, Notice and Note: Strategies for Close Reading with Kylen Beers and Bob Probst.

Cynthia Cowans attended the ASCD conference on Leadership in San Diego this fall. She focused on a number of workshops associated with professional development and curriculum including Instructional Rounds, Mentoring/Coaching, Personalized Professional Development, and Curriculum Reform.

Several members of the staff of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School student newspaper, The High School View, won a number of major journalism awards at the New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) annual conference, held at Boston University. The awards reflect both individual student achievements and the outstanding quality of the entire body of work published by the students during the school year. The High School View won the Highest Achievement Award in Class III, which is based upon school size. The award honored the outstanding efforts of newspaper co-editors in chief—August Welles, Olivia Jacobs, Christopher Aring-Sharkovitz, and our webmaster, Elie Jordie. Four students received individual Special Achievement Awards for excellence in scholastic editing and publishing. Olivia Jacobs won an award for "Vineyard Grads Buck Odds"; Giulia Leite won for her bylined column, "Through Hardship Grew Strength"; Russell Shapiro won for a feature story, "Peers Learn to Lend a Helping Hand"; and Katherine Reid won for the illustration, "Through Hardship Grew Strength."

The school's literary magazine, Seabreezes, was recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English as a magazine of Excellence. Chris Baer and Bill McCarthy serve as the magazine's faculty advisers.

English Department Chair, Dan Sharkovitz, was elected vice president of the New England Scholastic Press Association Board of Directors. He has served on the organization's advisory board since 2005. In addition, he was appointed by the College Board to serve as an Advanced Placement English exam reader. The Reading offers teachers an opportunity to participate in numerous professional development seminars and workshops that focus on helping all students improve their reading and writing skills.

Dan Sharkovitz

Library

It's been a busy and productive year in the MVRHS Library, as we continued to pursue the goals in our Long-

Range (2014-2019) Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. The study that was commissioned with Fielding Nair International was completed in November, with two public presentations describing the plan to convert the library to a Global Learning Commons. The GLC is envisioned as a shared suite of learning spaces, with related professional development, aimed at improving our ability to provide 21st-century teaching and learning school-wide.

Continuing where we left off in 2014, aspects of the GLC continue to evolve in our current space. We had 10 student talks, 4 expert talks, and, expanding on the success of our January alumni panel discussion, introduced alumni talks this fall.

We've expanded library resources in a variety of formats. Our subscription to Lynda.com began in June, and all five licenses have since been constantly checked out by staff and students. In September we began offering access to the New York Times Archive (1851-2007), adding to a growing list of electronic reference sources, including *Questia School* and our state-funded Gale databases, both of which continue to be increasingly used by students and staff for research. Finally, our subscription to *Turnitin.com* began in September. A growing number of teachers are using it as a tool for improving their students' writing skills. We also made a significant addition to our graphic novel collection, aimed at increasing readership among reluctant readers.

Since January we've had 388 class visits, and 17,363 individual student sign-ins. In addition to co-teaching with an increasing number of teachers in science, English, and history classes, we focused on increasing student comprehension of source credibility in a series of lessons for Freshman Skills students. Pre-tests and exit surveys showed an improvement across all classes.

Kevin McGrath

Guidance

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped the 160 graduates of the Class of 2015 develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, 69% of the students are attending a 4 year college; 9% attending a 2 year college/technical college/prep school; 13% entered the work force; 3% enrolled in the military; 4% were admitted to college but taking a gap year; and 3% are pursuing other alternatives including travel. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the \$1,343,742.00 awarded at our Class Night. 2015 Graduates received 466 scholarships and post-graduates received 216. The Class of 2015 posted the fourth highest SAT scores in the history of our school. Our Peer Outreach Program, which includes 108 trained students and 32 trained teachers, continues to be an effective peer-driven program to assist students in negotiating the challenges of high school. This year a new

program, “Sting”, was created to help the 8th grade students’ transition into the high school. The Guidance Department is dedicated to assist and encourage students to set and meet their goals and support their academic and extracurricular success.

Michael McCarthy

Math

MVRHS had satisfying results with regards to the 2014 math standardized test results. The average SAT score of 544 was the third highest ever. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 3.5. The MCAS results were also excellent: 86% of students score proficient or higher with 62% scoring advanced.

Melissa Brailard completed training for AP Statistics over the summer at Bridgewater State with Mass Insight. She and Mary Lee Carlomagno are in the process of earning their master’s degree in a conjunctive program with Fitchburg State and ACE MV. The department is pleased to have Dawne Nelson volunteer to become the Math Lab coordinator. As a veteran teacher she will bring a wealth of experience to all students.

Doug DeBettencourt

History

The History Department has worked collaboratively with the Island community to take a group of students from the One World Club to New York on a cultural exchange with the High School of Economics and Finance and to engage all freshman students in the annual African-American Heritage Trail research project. The students travel the Trail and eat a soul food lunch at Biscuits restaurant in Oak Bluffs and twenty students received financial awards for their work of excellence from the board of the Heritage Trail. Students from several classes have engaged with students from the West Tisbury, Edgartown and Oak Bluffs schools as part of an inter-age teaching program, and the Irish History class and WINFO group have both created museum displays for the Vineyard Museum. Ms. Thulin’s Global Studies students developed a museum of Islam from the middle ages, displaying some of the brilliance of Islamic culture in medicine, engineering, literature, art, music, and philosophy with her seniors. It was a groundbreaking concept that is forcing us to rethink all our classroom and “Maker Spaces” for student exhibition in the school. In addition, students are actively engaged throughout the building in hands on learning through community outreach and physical representations of their research. The annual Brazilia- American Friendship lunch earned honor for the school when the Brazilian History class and the One World Club received a national award from the Teaching Tolerance Institute of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Holocaust survivor, Sami Steigman, was a guest of the history department and

presented a series of assemblies to classes from the English and History departments. There are three AP history classes: US, World and European and the department is proud to say that every student takes a history class where they have an opportunity to observe patterns of history and think critically about the issues facing the world today.

Elaine Cawley-Weintraub

Special Education

The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. Specialized instruction and supports are provided on a continuum from academic support, in-class support, co-teaching, small group instruction to substantially separate program. These services/programs are designed with the belief that all students can learn together in the same school to prepare for adult living after graduating/transitioning from the high school.

The Corrective Action Plan (CAP) developed as a result of the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) in 2014 of the MVRHS Special Education Department was implemented during the SY ’14-15. The CAP involved developing and providing professional development, policies and procedures, program evaluation, and restructuring and ongoing monitoring for compliance with regulations. All eleven areas of the CAP were met in 2015.

The focus of the department was to build a positive collaborative environment/department as an integral part of the school community at large. Professional development was provided to teams of general education teachers and special educators to move towards a more inclusive educational model. A Co-teaching model began in September 2015 with team teaching in classes for ninth grade History, English and Math, 10th grade Math, English, Biology, and a Global History II class were created. Within the first few months of school there have been positive results observed for the students, teachers, and parents.

A transition process was developed to meet the needs of incoming freshman with IEPs. The MVRHS Special Education Department met regularly with representatives of each sending school during SY 14-15. A Parents’ Meet/Greet Night was held to provide parents an opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the overview of special education services. This new event allowed teams to hold a focused individual student’s transition. An outcome of the 8th/9th grade educators meetings a need to develop a structured Life Skills Program was determined. This classroom was designed to meet the needs of students with significant disabilities and providing interventions and supports with significantly modified curriculum, opportunities for inclusion, daily living skills and related service area needs.

An evaluation of the programs and services for students with emotional impairments was conducted during

the school year '14-15 and a committee was formed to develop a restructured model of services. The new structure of the therapeutic support program, Links, was created to provide a safe program model of continuum of service delivery from a substantially separate, therapeutic classroom to partial – full inclusion model. The program is designed to assist students in obtaining the necessary social/emotional and academic skills to successfully re-enter their grade level general education classrooms. The new team of educators, along with the consultation with a clinician from James Levine & Associates, the program has been implemented with fidelity and positive results.

The Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of the compliance, and to ensure appropriate supports and services are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. Each Special Education teacher also participates in monthly content department meetings as a representative for the special education department.

Nancy Dugan

Art, Design & Technology

The department had a full, productive year in 2015. Sixteen art and design students won awards in the 2015 Boston Globe Scholastic Arts awards; four of them advanced to the national competition, and one senior won two national silver medals and was recognized in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

Ceramics students prepared a public exhibit at Featherstone Gallery, and a number of design and photography students exhibited work in two other Featherstone group shows. Photography students curated a month-long "then & now" photography show at the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Two painting students were showcased in a special exhibit at the Old Sculpin gallery, and two photography students had solo shows at the West Tisbury Library. Several students entered the Martha's Vineyard Museum's "Island Portraits" competition, and one won third place.

The MVRHS Yearbook, and our art and literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, both had successful publications this year. In January, *Seabreezes* was awarded a "Superior" ranking in the NCTE's PRESLM "Excellence in Student Literary Magazines".

Advanced art students attended Portfolio Day in Boston in November, and prepared senior portfolios for college admissions as well as the YoungArts and Scholastic portfolio contests.

Eight students won awards in the 2015 *Cape Cod Times*' "Classroom Times" photography contest, and another photography student had her artwork chosen for the cover of the 2015 Oak Bluffs Town Report. A sophomore photographer won "Best in Show" in the

Photography Center of Cape Cod's "Mass Photo Challenge", and another won second place. A freshman photographer won an honorable mention in the MV Magazine's annual photo contest.

Students from across the department participated in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation: Water – An Island Treasure" art competition, and many also participated in Rep. Keating's Congressional Art Contest, exhibited in Plymouth.

Mr. Connors and his students led eight math, science, and history classes through programming exercises in the Hour of Code in December. WYOB (105.5 FM), the MVRHS new student-run radio station, went on the air in October, under the supervision of faculty advisor Chris Connors and two local radio industry professionals.

Our annual Evening of the Arts was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts department; we hosted a very successful exhibition and event, drawing hundreds of community members. The Print Club silkscreened and sold custom designed and printed t-shirts for the event.

Chris Baer

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department finished up 1st semester classes and began 2nd semester offerings at the end of January 2015. Rehearsals for two big extracurricular events were in full swing: four performances of the musical 'Into the Woods' in February and the Minnesingers performance trip to southern Spain in April.

One choral student participated in the Southeast District Music Festival and was chosen to perform with the All State Chorus at Symphony Hall, while one of the school's string players represented MVRHS at the All Cape and Island Music Festival.

High School choral students joined with singers from the elementary schools for the All Island Choral Festival in March led by clinician Judy Varno. After workshops in all the schools, the culminating event was a concert held in the High School's Performing Arts Center.

The department once again collaborated with the visual arts and world language departments to present Evening of the Arts. In addition to student music and theatre performances both on the PAC stage and in the 'Coffee House', performing groups presented their year-end concert. Those who attended the annual event were treated to a wonderful evening of music, art, and food!

Students in the performing arts department finished the year in theatre, piano, guitar, sound technology, and theory classes. Participating in graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle in June were the

Freshman chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Minnesingers, Concert Band, and String Orchestra members.

The 2015-16 school year started with traditional curriculum offerings in both music and theatre with added opportunities for students to take Class Voice, and Music/Theatre Exploration classes for English Language Learners, Life Skills, and Therapeutic Support Program students. Students in Vocal Ensemble performed at local senior centers and Windemere while instrumental students entertained attendees at the senior citizens' luncheons in Culinary Arts.

Fall continued to be busy. At Assessment Day, all members of the department were invited to performances by the Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Orchestra, Freshman Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Class Voice, Theatre I, and Musical Theatre Production classes. Twenty-nine students traveled to Boston for an open rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Over fifty students auditioned for this year's musical, 'Chicago', which will be presented in February. Six singers and one violinist will represent the high school in the Southeast District Music Educators' senior festival in January. Twenty-eight singers were chosen for the All Cape and Island's Music Festival in February.

December events included the annual department Winter Concert and Minnesinger Winter Shows at the Whaling Church. The Minnesingers also presented several performances in the community. Musical Theatre Production class members performed in their first 'Cabaret' at Alex's Place at the YMCA. Rehearsals for 'Chicago' were in full swing and students in performing arts classes continued to perfect their skills in the various curricular offerings preparing for their finals in January. 2015 was a busy and fulfilling year for students and staff alike.

Jan Wightman

Physical Education & Health Department

In Physical Education there were several highlights this year enjoyed by our students. Dance and movement took the stage literally as The Yard became an 'extra' in our freshman and sophomore classes. Jesse Keller, Ed Director of The Yard, brought creative and performance activities to learn about movement with professional dance crews. Just this past weekend several of our Physical Education students were on stage for some of the production of Nut/Cracked performed in the PAC on 12/2/15 with The Bang Group! The practice of yoga was added thanks to a grant from The Sound Foundation, providing our students with spring and fall extended programs. Both of these additions were well received by our students and staff alike.

In our fall offerings juniors and seniors were given the opportunity to select a specialized style of Physical Education that matched their needs. Students in Health Education were involved in a collaborative project with Island Grown Schools in a project that focused on Nutrition and meal planning. In addition community support and outreach continued in the whole department with the use of natural resources; Felix Neck, YMCA, State Forest, and community resources; Connect to End Violence, YTF of MV, this year as well.

Kathy Perotta

World Language

The World Language Department had a busy and exciting year. A group of French students traveled to Quebec in April for three days. Before their trip, they prepared with after school language and culture workshops where they became familiar with the historical importance of their destinations. On the trip, students explored the rich history of the oldest European settlement in North American and participated in unique cultural traditions, such as the *Cabane à Sucre*.

The Portuguese program experienced a successful first year and continues to grow. In the spring, a group of Portuguese students traveled to UMass-Dartmouth where they participated in a class for Heritage speakers. This fall, the students visited the New Bedford Whaling Museum, where they explored many of the cultural connections to the Portuguese language found in this region of the world. They also returned to the UMass campus for another eye-opening, inspiring, and truly memorable experience.

In 2015, both Spanish and Portuguese students collaborated on exciting cross-curricular projects with Island Grown Schools; they got hands-on while learning about and making connections with the Spanish and Portuguese speaking worlds and our own Island community. Portuguese students create and presented lessons for elementary students, while Spanish students made comparisons of food systems and visited local farms. This fall, Spanish students continued their work on cross curricular themes. During their study of global citizenship, AP Spanish students participated in the MV Environment club's Remodel the Bottle competition and took home the Class Award.

As always, students of all languages had ample opportunity to put their language skills to the test and this year advanced Spanish students demonstrated great success with all students passing the Advanced Placement Exam in the spring.

JUSTINE D'OLIVEIRA

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET REGAN, Interim Principal

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Statement of Net Position
Government Funds Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Governmental

	<u>Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,313,443
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,289,926
Due from Agency Fund	995,121
Total current assets	<u>5,598,490</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	14,171,145
Total noncurrent assets	<u>14,350,889</u>
Total Assets	<u>19,949,379</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	920,066
Accrued payroll	1,135,080
Other liabilities	49,843
Compensated absences	27,933
Wastewater connection payable	29,560
Long-term bonds and notes payable	188,799
Total current liabilities	<u>2,351,281</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	251,402
Net OPEB obligation	10,792,455
Net Pension Liability	2,816,902
Wastewater connection payable	325,147
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,510,395
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>15,696,301</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>18,047,582</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources related to pension

26,349

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets

12,957,193

Restricted for:

Other specific purposes

658,836

Unrestricted

(11,740,581)

Total Net Position\$ 1,875,448**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET****YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,549,584	\$ -	\$ 763,859	\$ 3,313,443
Due from Agency Fund	995,121	-	-	995,121
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	305,498	984,428	1,289,926
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,544,705</u>	<u>305,498</u>	<u>1,748,287</u>	<u>5,598,490</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants Payable	833,299	-	86,767	920,066
Accrued payroll	1,087,468	-	47,612	1,135,080
Other liabilities	49,843	-	-	49,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,970,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,379</u>	<u>2,104,989</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted	-	305,498	686,056	991,554
Committed	190,000	-	955,072	1,145,072
Assigned	499,680	-	-	499,680
Unassigned	884,415	-	(27,220)	857,195
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,574,095</u>	<u>305,498</u>	<u>1,613,908</u>	<u>3,493,501</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,544,705</u>	<u>\$ 305,498</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,287</u>	<u>\$ 5,598,490</u>

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>High School Roof Repair</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Member town assessments	\$ 15,269,407	\$	\$ -	\$ 15,269,407
Member town assessments (Capital)			173,075	173,075
User fees	671,085		468,511	1,139,596
Intergovernmental:				
State Aid-foundation	2,756,975		-	2,756,975
State Aid-transportation	332,427		-	332,427
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	881,812		-	881,812
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	103,928		-	103,928
State Aid-circuit breaker	-		429,423	429,423
Other state and federal grants	1,694,414		1,656,759	3,351,173
Departmental Receipts	15,526		76,651	92,177
Contributions and donations	-		2,128	2,128
Investment income	20,957	-	332	21,289
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>21,746,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,806,879</u>	<u>24,553,410</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,802,474		630,215	5,432,689
Special Education	1,844,234		907,327	2,751,561
Vocational	439,599		76,508	516,107
Other	70,232		25,479	95,711
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,769,455		166,090	1,935,545
Instructional	393,396		153,802	547,198
Administration	1,721,246		16,686	1,737,932
Business	70,460		-	70,460
Building and grounds	1,613,475	881	222,935	1,837,291
Transportation	1,246,197		24,938	1,271,135
Food	47,000		323,525	370,525
Community services	-		170,857	170,857
Pension benefits	1,947,850		-	1,947,850
Employee benefits	2,490,751		-	2,490,751
Property and liability insurance	265,552		-	265,552
State Assessment				
Charter school	950,231		-	950,231
Capital Outlay	544,196		32,780	576,976
Debt service-principal	665,000		-	665,000
Debt service-interest	63,425		-	63,425
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>20,944,773</u>	<u>881</u>	<u>2,751,142</u>	<u>23,696,796</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>801,758</u>	<u>(881)</u>	<u>55,737</u>	<u>856,614</u>

	<u>General</u>	<u>High School Roof Repair</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds of bonds and notes	-	501	-	501
Transfers In	-	-	532,718	532,718
Transfers out	<u>(532,718)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(532,718)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(532,718)</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>532,718</u>	<u>501</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	269,040	(380)	588,455	857,115
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	<u>1,305,055</u>	<u>305,878</u>	<u>1,025,453</u>	<u>2,636,386</u>
FUND BALANCE, End of year	<u>\$ 1,574,095</u>	<u>\$ 305,498</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,908</u>	<u>\$ 3,493,501</u>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. Matt D'Andrea
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D'Andrea,

It is both an honor and a joy to report this state of the school address for the 2015-2016 school year. Our status as a school as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers(PARCC)continues to be Level I, the highest level in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There are a multitude of reasons for this high honor and they all point in the direction of the people who serve, support, and attend Oak Bluffs School. To illustrate this point, I attended a professional development seminar in December and was asked to identify with three upward moving arrows the positive forces which help propel our school toward continuous growth and improvement. I did not have to reflect too deeply and immediately noted ALL of the stakeholders who help drive our school forward: our exemplary faculty and staff, our caring and competent Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and Central Office staff, our very dedicated and supportive parents and many volunteers, our Town officials in every office, our Selectmen and Selectwomen and various sub-committee members, our Town Manager and all those who serve Oak Bluffs School in the town offices including our wonderful library, the many businesses and non-profits who are always there to support our children and staff, and lastly and most importantly our awesome students from OB ranging in age from 4-14. It is all of the above who make our school a learning community which educates the whole child in spirit, mind, and body incorporating sound academics, the arts, and athletics within a spirit of community service.

Our Oak Bluffs School faculty is the finest collective compilation of gifted and talented educators I have ever served with in nearly 30 years of school leadership. By their actions, they show unconditional love for our students, keep the expectation bar high every day, teach effectively incorporating best practices into their lessons, work together as a team, and allow for both creativity and joy on a daily basis. This school year our staff is continuing the excellent work on the K-6 Envision Math Program with continuous discussion and professional development to work toward improvement; With writing the primary focus of our Superintendent this school year, the OB staff and students are jumping in with both feet making steady progress and most importantly learning to love writing; Making tremendous strides from the previous year, the Island Wide STEM Steering Committee is in the midst of

developing a vision which will positively impact all of our students in the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools including right here at OB. This is being accomplished through much hard work and rich discussions with our greatest asset in our school: our teachers. Regarding literacy, OB has always been very strong in this critical area and we continue on the path of early intervention, daily reading throughout the school and a top notch Leveled Literacy Intervention Team(LLI). In addition, OB offers enrichment through our Enrichment Program for Gifted Youth(EPGY) as well as a daily Homework Club. Our faculty works diligently and collaboratively at continuous improvement logging many extra hours through the various Professional Learning Community(PLC's) and Vertical Teams associated with ELA, Science, LLI, ELL and Math.

The staff at OB is equally dedicated and talented with one focus: the service of our students and parents. From our office staff who are able to juggle several balls in the air at once, to our hard working custodial staff, to the awesome aromas coming from our dedicated cafeteria staff, to our problem solving technology director, the staff keeps giving to our students and parents and are critical to our school's overall success today and through the years.

Our parents are truly the first and best and most influential teachers of their children and I'd like to recognize the efforts they have made in not only being role models for their loving and well-educated children but also for their unwavering support and confidence in our exemplary staff. Our parents consistently give much: the work of our PTO helps to create not only needed resources for our school but an enhanced community spirit. The social functions which PTO takes the lead on are just as important as the fundraising functions as they create lasting memories. This school year our school partnered with the kind and generous friends of Felix Neck to Create a new celebration called "Trunk or Treat" which was a big fall hit and so much fun for not only our students, but staff and parents alike. Within the town and island there are so many additional organizations and groups who have lent a hand to improving our school or students' experience in some way and I extend my deepest gratitude to Island Grown Schools, the Arboretum, Trustees Property, Yoga instruction, Camp Alton Jones, Ropes Course, Gunstock Ski Resort, and the 8th grade Philadelphia trip just to name a few. The OB School Advisory Council is playing a pivotal role in critically analyzing our School Improvement Plan thereby lending support and feedback to the Principal and staff through representation from our parents, staff, and community. The OB School Committee continues to perform visionary and self-less work on behalf of our children and staff and we are truly blessed and grateful for their service.

As a Level I school it is understood that OB has a strong academic program which continues to improve. The other two A's, the arts and athletics are also integral components to our Responsive Classroom approach to educating the whole child. Both our visual and performing arts are exemplary in every way. Our students are able to express themselves in ways which have a positive effect on their own self-esteem. This past November a cast of 60 students performed Shrek the Musical Jr. with Broadway quality and several of our students are taking music lessons be it strings, woodwinds, percussion, or horns culminating in All-Island concerts which are magical. Athletically our students are afforded the opportunity to experience play, recess, developmental and competitive sports all within the spirit of working cooperatively, and fair play. I would also like to extend my gratitude on behalf of our school family to the various sports organizations who contribute in their own way to the positive growth of OB be it youth soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. This school year at OB we have extended our weekly Community Meeting to the entire PK-8th grades celebrating our students.

To the many town officials and departments and the general population of the Town of Oak Bluffs for your support of our school then and now, we owe a debt of gratitude. The fiscal sacrifices and commitment with which you make for our children today will help pave the way for a brighter future for them tomorrow. There is no doubt that our teachers will continue to be exemplary in the years to come; there is no doubt that our parents and this

community will continue to be supportive as well; and with the financial commitment the voters make to our students, there is no doubt that our students of OB will continue to thrive in this exemplary learning community. For this we thank you.

Lastly, to our wonderful students, the reason for Oak Bluffs School: you bring life to our learning community each day with your positive attitudes, your smiles, your hard work toward your studies and extra-curricular activities, your laughter and even occasionally your mischief. You are our nation's future and it is a joy watching you grow each day. To our student leaders, the young men and women of our 8th grade, most of you have attended OB since you were 5 years old. You have been excellent role models for your younger sisters and brothers at OB and we look forward to celebrating your Graduation in June.

In closing, it has been an honor and a joy to serve and lead a learning community grounded in unconditional love as well as teaching and learning excellence. Moreover, under Dr. D'Andrea's and Mr. Smith's caring, competent, and visionary leadership, we at Oak Bluffs School and the entire Martha's Vineyard Public Schools have a bright future ahead of us as we push forward in the 21st Century. I am forever grateful and soooo "Proud to Be From OB."

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. JOHN F. RIZZO
Principal

PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

2015 was a year of new beginnings at the Oak Bluffs Public Library. We recognize that the changes we saw this year have primed us to grow, both as individuals and as a library as a whole. Growth is a sign of life, and with it the promise that we are becoming wiser, stronger and better.

The most significant changes have come with staff - we saw more staff changes in 2015 than in recent years past. Sadly, we said farewell to three of the most influential personalities in the library: our 10-year library assistant veteran, Pam Spier, in January, in October our Programming Coordinator, Anna Marie D'Addarie, and just a week later, our Director, Sondra Murphy. Though we are saddened by their departure, we are happy for their next phases of life and wish them the best of luck.

Although we felt a great loss with the departure of these three key staff members, we also welcomed aboard a host of innovative new talent in 2015. Starting in the first week of January, Allyson Malik became the new Head of Adult and Technology, filling the Reference Librarian vacancy from the prior year. Allyson, a librarian since 2008 with an MLS from University of Maryland, started hosting weekly technology classes, helped the Trustees begin the process of redrafting outdated policies, and would later take on the role of Acting Director after Sondra Murphy's departure in October. Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie was promoted to Children's Library Assistant in January. Her hard work and penchant for perfection greatly helped maintain our high standard of youth services for most of the year while we sought a new Children's Librarian. In July, Carolina Cooney became our new Administrative Assistant, taking on Jonathan Burke's role. Her organization skills, cataloging prowess and passion for bringing innovation to all levels of library services are hallmarks that help our great library shine even brighter. We celebrated in September with the long-awaited arrival of Sonja Drotar, our new Children's and Young Adult Librarian. Sonja earned her MLIS from Simmons College and has several years' experience working as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional in elementary schools. Children and parents took to her warm and energetic personality immediately, and she quickly became a beloved part of our library family. In October, Nate Luce was promoted from part-time aide to take on the role of Programming Coordinator. Nate has a strong vision for laying an educational and culturally meaningful foundation for our future library programs, so make sure to check our calendar in 2016 so you don't miss the best free edutainment in town!

As always, staff members took advantages of the wealth of conferences and training opportunities for library professionals. Sondra Murphy attended the Massachusetts

Library Association's Annual Conference in Worcester in May, and in June, Allyson Malik participated in the American Library Association's Annual Conference in San Francisco, where she mediated a panel discussion on Common Core integration for libraries as chair of a Reference User Services Association committee. Nearly all full-time staff were able to attend regionally hosted trainings at the CLAMS office on topics such as Cataloging, Creating Lists, Overdrive and the Commonwealth Catalog.

Adult Services



The year started with the triumphant return of Indoor Mini Golf. For the third year in a row, hundreds of people enjoyed a round of 18-holes while discovering the library's collection, learning interesting trivia, and partaking of the delicious food from Skinny's Fat and wine and beer donated by Our Market. The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs (LFOB) generously sponsored the event. Staff and volunteers helped set up and staff the two-day event, including decorating the holes in unique themes, including fishing, cooking, legal red tape and even Alice in Wonderland.

Later in January, we kicked off the year-long Fit in '15 initiative, a series of programs geared toward outlining a path to success for any form of fitness, whether physical, mental, nutritional or organizational. Programs throughout the year included cooking classes, a memory workshop, a yarn/fabric swap that helped crafters de-clutter, and the incredibly popular boxing demonstration that people are still talking about a year later!

Returning for a second year was the fan-favorite Hawaiian-themed luau. A ukulele band serenaded the crowd while staff greeted guests with flower leis. Photographer Ralph Stewart snapped photos of guests with a life-size cutout of Elvis from "Blue Hawaii" while staff held a hula-hoop competition. Smoked pulled pork and all the fixings from Local Smoke was sponsored by the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs.



New for 2015 were the library's Sock Hop in June and Comic Con in July. At the Sock Hop, staff dressed in their hippest 1950s attire to dance the night away with guests. Soda jerks fueled the energy levels for dancing, hula-hooping, and carousing. Classic cars, poodle skirts and candy cigarettes were part of the yesteryear scene. At Comic Con, staff and patrons alike dressed in their favorite costumes for a day of comic book swaps, face painting, crime fighting workshops, and superhero crafts.

We went back in the water again for Shark Week with three events: the United States Coast Guard came ashore for an important boating safety talk, a presentation titled "Sharks: Misunderstood" educated us on the true nature of the undersea predators, and finally the fan-favorite screening of "Jaws" and trivia ended the week.



By far the not-to-be-missed festival of the year was OBPL's 10-Year Building Anniversary in October. Library supporters old and new gathered to recognize the library's decade of transformation, reminisce with staff, and contribute their own favorite memories to Memory Lane. Photos of the old library, construction of the new library, and the people, places and events of the last ten years were proudly displayed during the festive affair, which concluded in a champagne toast (generously donated by Our Market). The celebration also marked Director Sondra Murphy's last day with the library, making the occasion a bittersweet affair.

We pride ourselves on our ability to draw a crowd for these larger programs, but the smaller year-round programs offer a more direct impact on our year-round community.

Each Saturday for the past nine years, a group of Scrabble and chess players have met in our Meeting and Conference Rooms. They welcome anyone who would like to join them in spirited and friendly competition.

We now have a book club for every kind of reader. Continuing from last year is the Forever Young Book Club for adults who read Young Adult



fiction. Joining the slate for 2015 was the Graphic Novel Book Club, which explores the mélange of art and storytelling every second Tuesday of the month. The Books on Tap book discussion began in the fall and meets after-hours once a month at a local Oak Bluffs bar to meet the needs of book- and beer-lovers who are busy during the work day. Finally, our Books and Bites lunchtime book discussion catered to the classic literary crowd, who could enjoy both a good discussion as well as delicious sandwiches from Tony's Market. Funds for book discussion food purchases were generously donated by the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs.

Our essential technology programs continued this year as both one-on-one help and as weekly computer classes exploring issues like email, Facebook, Word and Excel. Coffee and Computers, the free weekly tech class open to everyone wanting to learn computer basics, took place every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30am. Tony's Market generously donated coffee and baked goods each Wednesday for our program and remains one of the best-kept secrets in town! Look for these opportunities to continue throughout 2016.

A dark room, fake bonfire and spooky background sounds set the scary scene for this year's "Dark

Passages," an October evening of scary stories read by Nate Luce, Carolina Cooney, and members of the community. Speaking of "dark," we also began a monthly film noir series in October, exploring the evolution of the genre through the decades, starting with the 1941 classic, *The Maltese Falcon*.

We're not the only ones that make use of the incredible meeting spaces available in our library: we hosted 592 outside groups in our building in 2015. Even with our all indoor space, sometimes we need to stretch out and use our library lawn. Were you among the hundreds who enjoyed the Brothers Rye in June or the Children's Harvest Festival in November? Look for the return of both in 2016!

We held too many events to name them all, but some of the highlights include the Ice Cream Social sponsored by LFOB, Pet Fair, the Armchair Traveler series, author talks, everything you've ever wanted to know about horseshoe crabs, and Fossil Day, which returned with a crowd of over 150 thanks to Fred Hotchkiss' passion for the event. We ended 2015 with our first ever adult coloring night, a relaxing evening of music, tea and art which will continue throughout 2016.



Youth Services

Our Children's Department provided programs to our youngest patrons almost every day of the week in 2015. Wednesday morning Storytime featured a special theme for young children over three, Book Babies storytime takes place weekly on Thursdays at 11am, and Toddler Time on Friday mornings is especially for ages 18 months to three years. Each month also saw a host of special programs ranging from Marshmallow Sculpting and Bird Feeder Crafts to School Break Movie Afternoons and Gaming Nights.

This year we had all the annual programs we've become known for, such as the Halloween Party, Spring Egg Hunt, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Illumination Lantern decorating,

and the Summer Reading Kickoff. All these tried-and-true programs draw huge crowds, but this year we also tried a lot of new and exciting things, such as Dads and Donuts, dog training and the Pet Fair, and Yoga for Little Yogis with Sondra, who was certified in youth yoga the prior year. For Valentine's Day and for several other events through the year, we had cookie decorating with cookies baked by LFOB member el Edwards, always drawing a hungry crowd. We had many themed craft programs, including crafts for teens and monthly tie-in activities to accompany the adult programs through the year.



Thank you to all who volunteer their time to our OBPL, we couldn't do it without you! Our volunteers this year include Shelley Brown, Sara Crafts, Anne Cummings, Roger Morris, Tom Warburton, el Edwards, Muriel O'Rourke, Cindy Harriman, Jim Westervelt, Talene Bush, Camilla Prata, and Marisa Higham.

Library Friends of Oak Bluffs

Thanks to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs and its Steering Committee, who plan and carry out fundraising and membership development activities, provide support for programs, activities and outreach throughout the year.

The Officers of the 2015 LFOB are:

Colleen Morris, President
Abraham Seiman, Vice President
E. L. Edwards, Vice President
Ron Zentner, Treasurer
Marilyn Miller, Clerk

Year-round volunteers include: Betty Daniels, Patience Campbell,

Mimi Davisson, Betsy Marshall, Muriel O'Rourke, Rachel Seiman, Lois Virtue, and Les Woodcock.



Fundraising and Membership Activities:

These activities and purchases that benefit the programs and services of the OBPL were made possible by community support for the LFOB. The Friends are extremely gratified by the generous response to their annual fundraising and membership drive and Annual Book Sale. Thanks to their contributors, the Friends were able to expand support to the OBPL in 2015. The generous group of volunteers looks forward to supporting Staff in developing adult programming, community outreach, and promoting technology development for staff and patrons.

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs is a community organization made up of volunteers from all walks of life who share an appreciation and love of the OBPL. All are welcome to join by becoming supporting or active members. The Friends welcome your membership, moral and financial support, and participation in developing Friends programs and events to further support the Oak Bluffs Public Library.

The Friends' mission is to promote the OBPL as an active, dynamic education and information center in the Community and to support and to enhance the OBPL's programs, services and collections.

The Friends can be reached at
libraryfriendsOB@gmail.com
or PO Box 1421, Oak Bluffs.

Statistics:

Total Circulation: 154,868
Annual Attendance: 68,738
Group Room Use: 592

Reference Questions: 7,006
Number of Children's Programs: 254
Children's Program Attendance: 8,508
Children's Storytime Attendance: 3,574
Number of Young Adult Programs: 11
Number of Young Adult Program Attendance: 90
Number of Adult Programs: 206
Adult Program Attendance: 3,140
Number of Registered Borrowers: 9,214
Facebook Likes: 1,171

Staff:

Director: Sondra Murphy
Head of Adult and Technology Services / Acting Director:
Allyson Malik
Children's and Young Adult Librarian:
Sondra Murphy / Sonja Drotar
Programming Coordinator:
Anna Marie D'Addarie / Nate Luce
Administrative Assistant:
Jonathan Burke / Carolina Cooney
Library Assistants: Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie
OBPL Aides:

Jonathan Burke, Eric Alexander, Pam Melrose,
Amber Hunt, Anna Gandara, Andrea Figaratto,
Lagan Trieschmann, Ralph Stewart,
Leah Crosby & Lily Walter

Summer Aides: David Modini & Ari Browne
Special Thanks to

Raymond Moreis of the Highway Department

Board of Trustees:

Chairperson: Peter Palches / Kevin McGrath
Board Members: First half of year: Shelley Brown,
Beatrice Breen, Ann Ross, Lloyd Henke, and
Deirdre Bohan.
Second half of year: Peter Palches, Lloyd Henke,
Deirdre Bohan, Mary "Scottie" Vail, and Karen Torrence.

On behalf of the library, I would like to show our appreciation for the Selectmen, Town Administrator Bob Whritenour, the Library Trustees, the OBPL staff and all our loyal patrons for their support through all the library's successes and transitions. The changes we've seen in 2015 have primed us for exciting reinvention for the next few years to come, and we can't wait to show you how much we can grow.

I'd also very much like to thank Carolina Cooney, Amber Hunt, Sonja Drotar and Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie for helping to prepare this report.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLYSON EVANS MALIK
Acting Director
Oak Bluffs Public Library

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

List of services provided by the Board of Health and
its agent during 2015

- 59 Soil Evaluations
- 83 System inspections
- 87 Septic Plan Reviews
- 220 Food Inspections and Re-Inspections
- 116 Building Permit Application Reviews
- 40 Housing and nuisance Inspections
- 22 Complaint Investigations and follow-up
- 1983 Technical Assistance Request
- 20 Training / Workshops
- 30 Beach Testing
- 4 Camp Inspections
- 2 Swimming Pool Inspection
- 202 Food Product Recalls
- 24 Board of Health Meetings

List of Permits Issued by the Board of Health and its agent
during 2015

- 278 Pump-out Permits
- 110 Food Establishment Permits
- 8 Beach Permits
- 11 Tobacco Permits
- 28 Temporary Food Permits
- 1 Tanning Permits
- 3 Refuse Haulers Permit
- 25 Septic Installers Permit

- 6 Septic Haulers Permit
- 2 Swimming Pool Permit
- 9 Turf Fertilizer Permits

Fertilizer Regulation that would help reduce the
amount of nitrogen entering our coastal waters and ponds,
by about 25%, went into effect in 2015.

Two Measles clinics were executed, in the summer of
2015, in response to a suspected measles outbreak which
turned out to be false.

Total number of Flu Vaccines administered during the
2015 All -Island Seasonal Flu Immunization Clinic was
400. 120 Vaccines on Day 1 of the clinic and 280
Vaccines on Day 2 of the clinic.

The Board of Health continues to contract with the
Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Cape cod in
providing many services to Oak Bluffs residents. Some of
the services delivered by the VNA between July and
December of 2015 include:

- 22 Blood Pressure Clinics
- 6.5 Hours of Communicable Disease Response
- 1 Maternity and Child Health Visit

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WHITE, Chairman
PATRICIA BERGERON
JOHN CAMPBELL

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Council on Aging (COA) has on staff Administrator, Rose M. Cogliano, who is responsible for the day to day operation of the Council. The Administrator facilitates program development, prepares and implements a monthly calendar of activities that is distributed at the Council, published in the 55 Times monthly, and is available as part of the Friends of Oak Bluffs Council on Aging monthly newsletter which is available at the Council and on-line.

Susan von Steiger, who was the Council on Aging's Outreach Coordinator for almost 20 years, retired in February 2015. Susan touched the hearts of many Oak Bluffs residents during her tenure. In March 2015, Gretchen Mayher joined the staff as Outreach Coordinator here at the Council. Ms. Mayher works with seniors, visiting their homes to ensure that our homebound seniors are receiving necessary services. Home visits, office visits, daily client calls, transport of clients for medical appointments, errands, and grocery shopping, meeting various needs of clients are all part of our Outreach Coordinator's day. Ms. Mayher coordinates the CORE counselling program for Oak Bluffs, in addition to making client referrals to Elder Services, VNA, and other senior needs based agencies. Ms. Mayher works in tandem with the Oak Bluffs Police pertaining to emergency situations.

Monthly activities at the Council include blood pressure, foot care, and hearing clinics, commodity distribution, Men's and Ladies Luncheons, SHINE, and Social Security Video Display Program. One Wednesday a month Bingo is offered at 1:00pm and 6:00pm.

Weekly activities consist of animal companions, board games, bridge groups and lessons, card games, computer use, chair caning, "conversations", exercise classes, Mah Jongg, morning coffee, live theater programs, puzzles, Threshold Choir. We offer equipment available for exercise use. The Summer season brings us knitting, line dancing, and Tai Chi.

We offer AARP Senior Tax Preparation during Tax season. Every Fall during the Bass and Blue Fish Derby we bag and distribute fish to seniors.

There are other services offered by the Council, among them senior bus passes, help with applications for fuel assistance, help with food stamp applications, medical transport coordination with Martha's Vineyard Center for Living and the VTA.

The Oak Bluffs Highway Department assists and works with us on a daily basis. During the Winter of 2015 the Highway Department's care of the grounds surrounding our building provided safe access for our clients. We are grateful for the continued and ongoing support of Highway Superintendent Richard Combra, Office Administrator Nicole Morey, Highway Forman Christopher Gibson, Custodian Mac Starks, and the entire department.

The Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging are an important and integral part of the Council. They raise funds, receive donations, and hold membership drives to help the Council with its various needs. FOBCOA this year purchased paint and is providing new faux wooden blinds to assist us in beautification of original meeting room. Under the leadership of President Leo Gagnon the group is also responsible for the production and distribution of our monthly newsletter available both on-line and at the Council.

The Officers of the Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging are:

Leo Gagnon, President
Carol Zittel, Vice-President
Karen Achille, Secretary
Sandra Blythe, Treasurer

We would like to thank all the people, groups, and businesses who have generously donated to the Council on Aging this past year. Among them are Dip 'N Donuts, Richard Combra, Richard Giordano, The Gleaners, On Kennebec, Cash & Carry, Reliable Market, Robert Reed, Stop & Shop, and MV Times.

The Oak Bluffs Council on Aging welcomes all Island seniors to join us in our various activities.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE M. COGLIANO, Administrator

Board of Directors
KAREN ACHILLE, Chairman
LEO GAGNON, Vice-Chairman
SANDRA BLYTHE, Secretary
CHARLES W. BRADLEY, JR.
JAMES R. BRANNON
JACQUELINE HUNT
JENNIFER PARKINSON
FRANCIS BERNARD, Alternate
ROBERT BLYTHE, JR. Alternate

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Mission statement:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (MVCL) provides services that promote dignity; self-worth, self-sufficiency and a life lived to its fullest potential.

Most recent census figures indicate that Dukes County is the second fastest growing county, and the fastest aging County in Massachusetts. Locally, the way we address and plan for the needs of this growing older population is critical. Transportation, health care, housing, information dissemination, education, and long term care (nursing and assisted living facilities) are issues that not only affect those 60 and over, but the entire population and the overall economy of Martha's Vineyard.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living staff and board members are active participants and partner in the Healthy Aging Task Force work and mission. In 2015, the HATF, engaging a large group of professionals and interested community members, continued to look at and find ways to address growing needs and how this community can prepare for the social and fiscal challenges ahead to support and enhance the lives of our aging population.

In early 2015, the voters at each of the six island town meetings strongly supported and ultimately approved warrant articles authorizing Dukes County, as the regional agent for all six towns, and with town financial support, the purchase of the building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven for the purpose of relocating and expanding MV Center for Living programs, in particular the Supportive Day Program. Prior to town meetings, Town Finance Committee meetings became a forum for public discussion and debate of the issues facing the most vulnerable members of our community and how, as a community, the Vineyard can support and promote both healthy aging and the "aging in community" concept.

The unanimous approval of the purchase of this building marked a milestone in the ability of the island community to rally support around a common cause and singular purpose, and serves as a model for collaboration between a private non-profit and municipal government to further a common mission.

Then, in June, 2015, the Center for Living became the recipient of a \$1,000,000 donation from the trust of former Island resident, Margaret Yates. Mrs. Yates was expressly interested in furthering the mission of MVCL by supporting the acquisition or renovation of a building and expansion of the Supportive Day Program to provide advanced services through an Adult Day Health (medical model) day program. This donation will afford MVCL the ability to re-design the newly acquired building into a state

of the art facility for the Supportive Day Program as well as a "hub" for community education, outreach, support; offering a hopeful future for those individuals facing cognitive challenges, and their families.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services:

Supportive Day Program:

In 2015, in order to expand our memory support services, MVCL, in partnership with a small group of volunteers and the YMCA, initiated a community program known as a Memory Café. This program takes place once a week, in a community setting and is for individuals experiencing memory loss, their family members and caregivers. It is a safe place where they can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. We have chosen to center our café activities around music, with a very talented group of musicians led by Gary Cogley who join us each week for music, singalong and discussion. Charlie Hodge, a neurosurgeon and one of the musicians, leads discussions on various topics. In addition, we have engaged the MV Museum to provide discussion and interaction around art and artifacts. There is no charge to participants and this program has grown in popularity, with 20-25 participants on a regular basis. We expect to permanently move the Café to the new Center for Living building in 2016.

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate in the services offered through general Senior Center programming and activities. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, but wish to and are being cared for at home. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity, exercise programs and most importantly, loving, careful attention to individual needs of our clients, on both a physical and emotional level. Nutritious meals and snacks are provided. Transportation is available.

In 2015, 34 individuals, their families and caregivers were served; providing over 20,000 hours of quality direct care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The Supportive Day program partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance that safe, nurturing environment into the community. The anticipated move to the new building will afford the opportunity to expand the program to 5 days and increase the number of clients on a day to day basis from 18 to 25.

Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):

In FY2015 (Sept 2014 – Oct 2015), the Medical Taxi program provided 183 Islanders (unduplicated, a 12% increase) with transportation (910 one way trips, a 13% increase) to medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$17,048, and was funded with a \$6,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, \$5,684 (60% increase) in donations from participants and, with the help of Rose Cogliano, Director of the Oak Bluffs COA, an additional \$6,000 was received through the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support. All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service. In addition, MVCL collaborates with the Vineyard Transit Authority and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority link islanders with alternative transportation to medical appointments both on and off-island. In 2016, the goal is to shift some of these trips to the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority as a natural and necessary extension of the Vineyard Transit Authority, and a more cost effective way of providing these services. We are also working with the VTA to have a designated vehicle in Woods Hole, operated by trained volunteer drivers to offer more cost effective group trips on designated days.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the island sponsor and lead member of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program on the island. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated "Emergency Food Cupboards" (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank warehouse in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) picks up our orders every month at the Greater Boston Food Bank in one of their refrigerated trucks. Because of their generosity, we have been able to increase the amount and quality of the food we distribute. It is estimated that the value of the service that IFP provides to this program, in time, travel, personnel and equipment, is approximately \$25,000. In 2015, over 57,369 pounds of food (canned, fresh and frozen) valued at nearly \$57,304.69 was brought to the island from the Greater Boston Food Bank and distributed through the emergency food program. This program serves over 200 households or approximately 275 individual islanders, including children and elders every month.

There is a great deal of local support for this program. The Island Grown Initiative Gleaning Program harvests

and brings to each distribution site, fresh produce gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meat the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program. At the end of each day, meats and meat products that have passed their sell date are flash frozen, picked up once a week and distributed among the pantry distribution sites for the regular monthly distribution. Through the "Food for Friends Program" 400 boxes (an assortment of non-perishable items) were donated and distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. In early 2015 we also received the proceeds from the sale of 2014 "Food for Friends" boxes (\$10 per box), for a total of \$3,388. These funds are used to purchase additional food for distribution, or other supplies or equipment necessary for the pantries throughout the year

There has been a great deal of discussion in recent months about the issue of homelessness on Martha's Vineyard. Some of the local churches have stepped up and offered to try and tackle this problem through a pilot program where some of the churches will rotate being a designated shelter, at least through the harshest winter months. As we approach 2016, MVCL and the Greater Boston Food Bank are in discussion with this local church network (which also provide Community Suppers on a regular basis), to find a way to support this group through access to the resources at the GBFB and existing Emergency Food Program system, to provide food both for the Community Suppers and meals for those in need of the proposed Shelter program.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month.

Older Americans Act:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2015, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program. The demand for Nutrition Program services, in particular the Meals on Wheels program has increased greatly in recent years; as the census figures indicate, it is anticipated this trend will continue.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for

\$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Students plan, prepare and serve the meal, and talented students from the Music Department provide entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these events on a monthly basis. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for the home delivered holiday meal program, providing a home delivered meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha’s Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages between 70 and 80 meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

FEMA:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living is designated to receive and allocate, when available, Federal Emergency

Management Administration (FEMA) funds that are earmarked to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when all other resources have been exhausted. In 2015, under the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 32, we were allocated \$2,744 and were able to assist 8 households, paying 11 past due rent and/or utility bills.

Through Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This on-going support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP
Executive Director

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

To the Oak Bluffs Selectmen:

Elder Services is a not-for-profit agency which provides assistance and advocacy for seniors, their families, and others in the community. Although the agency has grown significantly since its founding in 1972, it is still dedicated to its original mission of “promoting the welfare, enhancing the quality of life, and maintaining the dignity of elders” in Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties.

We carry out our mission by providing multiple services and programs through our two divisions – Clinical Services and Community Services. Briefly, the programs include:

Home Care Program

We provide in-home services such as grocery shopping or personal care for frail elders: 223 Vineyard Seniors received Home Care Services in FY15.

Senior Nutrition

We deliver Meals on Wheels in every town and serve a noontime meal at our Senior Dining Centers located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and Up Island Senior Centers. 42,578 meals were served on Martha’s Vineyard in FY15.

Long Term Care Screening

Our Health Services Unit determines eligibility for Medicaid reimbursed services such as nursing home care or adult day health programs.

Protective Services

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and self-neglect. We provide services to alleviate the harm if report is confirmed.

Family Caregiver Support Program

Provides information and support to individuals who are in a caregiving role.

Community Grants

Through a competitive process, we award Older American Act funds to community agencies providing critical services to elders. In FY15 Older American Act grants were awarded to The Healthy Aging Task

Force, Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living and Martha’s Vineyard Community Services.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Ombudsmen make weekly visits to nursing and rest homes to observe conditions and to meet with residents and help them resolve complaints.

Options Counseling

Provides information and short-term counseling to assist elders aged 60 and older or disabled individuals over the age of 18 in making informed choices about long term care services, supports and settings.

Mature Workers Program

Provides a “bridge back to work” by offering paid job training which helps participants learn new job skills and prepare for unsubsidized work.

Money Management Program

Money Managers meet with at-risk elders in their homes and assist with bill paying, budget maintenance, and debt issues.

Senior Service Corps

Matched older volunteers with agencies and organizations engaged in activities which address serious community needs.

Information and Referral

A central source of information on all services available to elders in this region.

Elder Services uses federal, state, town and private funds to provide services and maintain programs. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work collaboratively and productively with local resources to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUE CAGE,
M. V. Director

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee was created to work towards the Commonwealth's goal of designating 10% of the town's year-round housing stock for affordable housing, as defined by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), to be counted towards the state's Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory.

In addition, Oak Bluffs is committed to increasing the number of decent affordable housing opportunities for Island residents while preserving its unique characteristics and charm. The town also recognizes the need for a diverse housing stock in order to have a healthy and economically diverse community.

The Town looks forward to continuing its work with the other Island towns, the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and the other Island affordable housing groups in developing a long-range solution to this current critical problem.

Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust

In April 2015 a Declaration of Trust by the Members of the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen and the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee was approved as a means to allow the Oak Bluffs Housing Trust to move forward.

In November 2015, upon the recommendation of the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee, the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust approved a soft loan of \$15,000

as needed for the Richmond Ave House, which had been donated to Island Housing Trust.

Southern Woodlands

Over the summer of 2015 the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee assisted the Oak Bluffs Planning Board around the affordable housing component of the Southern Woodlands Housing Development. The Oak Bluffs Planning Board was able to negotiate a contribution of \$700,000.00 to the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust upon the sale closing of the property.

Transfer of the Residential Homesite Committee

The article submitted by the Oak Bluffs Housing Trust and presented in the November Town meeting as a means to transfer the nonfunctioning Oak Bluffs Residential Homesite Committee to the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Trust was passed by the voters of the town.

2016

Moving forward the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee has set goals to complete title searches and appropriate septic engineering surveys on current undeveloped Residential Homesites and certain town owned lots.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE DOUBLEDAY, Chairman
KATHY BURTON
PETER BRADFORD

ISLAND HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Island Housing Trust opened 2016 through a lottery sponsored by the Island Housing Trust (IHT) and coordinated by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA), for a three-bedroom home on Richmond Avenue with a purchase price \$225,000 opened to potential buyers of up to 80% AMI at the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 19, 2016

Selection of potential homeowners were drawn from three pools of applicants, with primary consideration given to families of three or more who live or work in Oak Bluffs and qualify for "affordable housing," e.g. a combined income of 80 percent or less of area median income (AMI) in Dukes County. Other pools were comprised of two additional Oak Bluffs applicants, and five from the other Island towns. According to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority a total of nine applications were received. One family was given first priority due to Oak Bluffs residency, income, and family size of three or more. Second and third priority were given to two Oak Bluffs family due to income and residency, forth through seventh priorities were given to income qualified, non Oak Bluffs residents. Two individuals were disqualified due to income and/or an incomplete application.

Oak Bluffs residents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine and Napoleon Pinckney bequeathed the Richmond Ave House to the nonprofit, Island Housing Trust (IHT) in 2014. According IHT executive director Philippe Jordi has

stated, " IHT is naming our legacy fund for planned giving after [the Pickneys] because of the leadership they showed."

The land is owned by the IHT. The house will be stay "affordable" in perpetuity through a ground lease.

According to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Homebuyer Application, "Extensive capital improvements and energy upgrades, referred to as a "deep energy retrofit", are being conducted by Faley Built Inc., in order to make the house a healthier and more energy efficient home. In addition the Resource Inc, (TRI) will replace the roof shingles, install new kitchen cabinets, counters, and flooring, and replace toilets in both bathrooms. The 2072 square foot three-bedroom house will meet high-energy and performance standards, with double insulated walls, high efficiency heating and ventilation system, town water, off-street parking, approved septic system, including a 920 square foot conditioned basement."

The Oak Bluffs Community Preservation Act recommended and the voters of the town approved at the annual town meeting in the April, 2015 \$50,000 toward the renovation of this wonderful property.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE DOUBLEDAY
Town of Oak Bluffs
Appointee to Island Housing Trust

PLANNING AND LAND USE

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

3324.0 acres, representing 5.8% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions:

- The Chappaquiddick open space committee, an informal but energetic group of citizens dedicated to raising cash to supplement Land Bank funds, engineered its most recent achievement: the conservation of 30.6 acres of succeeding farmland surrounding Pease's Pond, off the Dike Road in Edgartown. Some 40% of the \$5,170,000 price was donated and much of the balance was loaned to the Land Bank via volunteer creditors solicited by the committee and its chairman, Nancy Hugger. The **Toms Neck Preserve** will be opened in 2016.
- Nathaniel Wice and his family sold, for \$50,000, a 2.1-acre lot to expand the abutting **Toad Rock Preserve** off Moshup Trail in Aquinnah.
- The Land Bank's most recent collaboration with the island's affordable housing entities occurred in 2015 and involved the so-called Bridge Housing site in Tisbury. 8.9 acres were conserved, for \$600,000, and the remaining 5.9 acres of the Bridge land will be used by the Island Housing Trust Corporation for the construction of permanent affordable housing units. As a result, the **Ripley's Field Preserve** expanded to 86.0 acres.
- An enduringly popular property, the **Manaquayak Preserve** in West Tisbury, required a relocation of its access — its original trailhead was located at the end of a sinuous road. By purchasing 22.6 acres from the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools, Inc. (FOCUS), the Land Bank not only protected a woodland in the vicinity of the Ice House Pond but obtained a trailhead fronting on the Lamberts Cove Road. The price was \$2,350,000.
- The **Fulling Mill Brook Preserve**, which was the Land Bank's first land purchase back in 1986 when the institution was created, was expanded for the first time. Siblings Emily and Oliver Rothschild sold their 17.1-acre property abutting the preserve for \$1,775,000.
- In addition, the Land Bank continued to pursue and purchase partial interests in properties across the island.

Land Management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Doug's Cove Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Toms Neck Preserve, Wapatequa Woods Reservation, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

A management plan for the Cove Meadow Preserve was approved; pending from the commonwealth is approval for management plans at Toms Neck and Wapatequa Woods.

Staff completed a grassland survey and wetland delineation at the Wompesket Preserve, as part of a plan to control the invasive and exotic reed canary grass. Staff also planted some 400 plugs of native big bluestem at six Land Bank properties around the island; they had been harvested at the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve and propagated over the winter by the Polly Hill Arboretum.

Much was accomplished at the Cove Meadow Preserve. The Edgartown fire department used a house on the former Baldwin Self property for practice drills, ultimately burning it to the ground; within days the Land Bank staff filled and regraded the site in preparation for springtime seeding. The field crew also completed the grassland restoration project on this preserve, which has resulted in a 15-acre ridgetop meadow overlooking Cape Pond.

The grasslands at the Ocean View Farm Preserve were expanded, resulting in both a broadened meadow and a widened long-distance view of Nomans Island.

Trails were improved at the Doug's Cove Preserve and the Moshup Beach portion of the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, the latter for erosion control and the former to provide universal access. The Doug's Cove trail consisted of an attractive 4" layer of crushed oyster shells.

As usual, the Land Bank field crew continued ongoing maintenance on various Land Bank properties across the island.

Cross-island Hike:

The Land Bank's twenty-third annual cross-island hike celebrating National Trails Day, the first Saturday in June, ranged from Chilmark Pond Preserve to Pecoy Point

Preserve, crossing fifteen conservation properties. Seventy-five hikers started in the morning, sixty-five were present at the launch of the afternoon session and about forty-five finished at Pecoy Point. For the second consecutive year, a record thirty-seven hikers completed the entire 20-mile, 8-hour hike.

Budget and Related Matters:

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

	FY 2015 budgeted	FY 2015 actual	FY 2016 budgeted
(Cash amount and percentage of Total)			
Revenues	\$8,500,000	\$10,829,652	\$9,500,000*
Administrative Expenses	(\$ 511,888) 6%	(\$ 479,980) 4%	(\$ 523,949) 5%
Land Management Expenses	(\$ 864,586) 10%	(\$ 879,263) 8%	(\$ 978,458) 10%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$6,842,928) 81%	(\$ 6,694,410) 62%	(\$5,884,461) 62%
Reserve Expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%	(\$ 30,000) 0%	
Unencumbered New Receipts	\$ 250,598 3%	\$ 2,775,999 26%	\$2,158,132 23%

As of December 1, 2015 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$9.0 million in unencumbered funds. The asterisk (*) indicates the Land Bank's revenue projection.

Gifts:

The Land Bank gratefully accepted several gifts of cash: \$100 from Rebekah Zanditon; and \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues:

Fiscal Year 2015 transfer fee revenues were:

	Received July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015	Percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$133,498	2 %
Chilmark Fund	\$353,983	7 %
Edgartown Fund	\$1,195,768	22 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$366,157	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$415,366	8 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$242,642	4 %
<i>central fund</i>	<i>\$ 5,414,826</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$10,829,652	100%

This represented an 8% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and Staff:

The Land Bank Commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; April Hamel, The Commonwealth; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; John Anthony Nevin, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank Staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, Foreman; James Dropick, Conservation Land Assistant; Jean-Marc Dupon, Conservation Land Assistant; Maureen Hill, Administrative Assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, Conservation Land Assistant; Cynthia Krauss, Fiscal Officer; James Lengyel, Executive Director; and Julie Russell, Ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

2015 was a year of transition for the MVC, with Adam Turner taking over as Executive Director from retiring Mark London. The Commission worked with Island towns to complete the Martha's Vineyard Transportation Plan, adopted a Built Environment DRI Policy, and worked with towns on efforts to protect the water quality of coastal ponds, deal with climate change, and promote community and economic development. Thirty-eight development projects were referred to the MVC for regulatory review.

The eighteen-member Commission is made up of nine Commissioners elected bi-annually to represent the public, two appointed by the Governor, and one appointed by the County Commission and each of the six Vineyard Boards of Selectmen. Jim Vercruysse took over as Chairman in January 2016. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: www.mvcommission.org.

ISLAND-WIDE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Commission supports a variety of efforts supporting affordable and community housing.

- **Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis:** MVC staff worked with town boards to implement recommendations of the 2014 *Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis*, identifying zoning tools to promote, create, and preserve housing that responds to needs unmet by market-rate housing. MVC Staff provided technical assistance supporting Chilmark's adoption of an *Accessory Housing Zoning By-law*. MVC Staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee on a warrant article to transfer the Resident Homesite Program to the Oak Bluffs Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was adopted at the 2015 November Special Town Meeting.
- **Community Development Block Grants:** The MVC assisted with *Department of Housing and Community Development's FY 2015 CDBG Applications* (prepared by Bailey Boyd Associates) by gathering supplemental materials and coordinating Public Hearings in cooperation with the Towns. In July, the two CDBG grant lead communities, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, were awarded FY 2015 grants of \$900,000 each.
- **Potential Affordable Housing Sites:** The MVC's cartography staff worked with the Island Housing Trust to assist affordable housing committees and planning boards in identifying potential future sites for affordable

housing, producing a series of maps showing land ownership, conservation, and water resources.

COASTAL, OCEAN, AND HAZARD PLANNING

The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards.

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.
- **Hazard Management:** *The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* is updated every five years to keep towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures. The latest draft, prepared by the MVC, is under review by MEMA and FEMA and final approval imminent, after which it can be adopted by each town's Board of Selectmen.
- **Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. MVC Staff and others are prioritizing vulnerable wetlands to target for protection and continued assessment, and initiated a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. A first monitoring station was installed at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon, with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and Edey Foundation.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. It updated the *Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan* in January.
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe are members of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Massachusetts Task Force providing input into the federal government's plans for wind energy development south of the Vineyard. The MVC joined a successful call for recognition of "community benefit" in the lease auction process. Two developers were selected, one of which included Vineyard Power as a community partner.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC staff provided technical assistance for the *Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan*, completed in August, and the Town of Tisbury's ongoing Visioning effort. Staff provided technical assistance to Aquinnah

for the Town and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah to apply for state Cultural District designation.

- **ArtsMV:** MVC staff provided support to the Martha's Vineyard Arts and Culture Collaborative. The Commission assisted October's *Fall for the Arts* and the newly created *Spring for the Arts*. MVC staff assisted in coordinating the Creative Economy Speaker Series and Arts MV annual meeting.
- **Review of Management Plan for State Land:** MVC staff commented on the Department of Conservation Resources' proposed *Management Plan for Nickerson Forest Complex*, encompassing State Beach, portions of South Beach, the Fire Tower, and the Correllus State Forest.
- **Healthy Aging Task Force:** The MVC co-hosted meetings of the Task Force's Housing Work Group through May 2015, provided financial support to and participated in formulation of a *Healthy Aging Strategic Plan*, and provided extensive data for this effort, sponsored by the County.
- **Gosnold Long-Range Planning:** The GIS Coordinator mapped Cuttyhunk's historic paved walking paths and stone walls, providing maps to the Board of Selectmen. The new MVC Executive Director met the Board of Selectmen to identify and discuss future planning projects as well as MVC assistance.
- **Built Environment Policy:** In June, the Commission adopted a *Built Environment Policy*, giving guidance to DRI applicants and available to town boards and the public. The policy seeks to preserve significant buildings, neighborhoods, streetscapes, archeological resources, and other man-made features, and ensure that new building and other development is harmonious, environmentally sound, and accessible.
- **Island Plan Report Card:** MVC staff prepared a report card on the status of implementation of the 231 strategies proposed in the *2009 Martha's Vineyard Island Plan*. The report card shows that some strategies were completed and most are underway, while no action has taken place for some. After Commission review, it will be shared with town boards and the public.

GIS

The MVC's cartography and spatial data staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse and provides data to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state

agencies, and local residents. The cartography department produced a series of town maps displaying frequently requested data such as zoning, overlay zoning, watershed boundaries, roads, flood zones, and parcels (available in the MVC website Map Library).

- **GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.
- **Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** In collaboration with the Island's Conservation Partnership and with information-sharing and feedback from many conservation stakeholders, the cartography department updated and refined its trails and conservation land database, which is vital to multiple planning efforts. It also produced watershed maps for the Water Alliance's Living Local exhibit and Watershed Public Awareness Project in Island libraries.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVC is responsible for transportation planning on the Vineyard, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates JTC meetings to coordinate Island transportation planning. It is made up of appointees from each of the six Island towns, the County, and as of 2015, the VTA and MVC Executive Directors; MassDOT is an ex-officio member. The JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the main documents required to access federal and state funding for transportation projects, namely the 2016-2019 *Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*, the 2016 *Unified Planning Work Program*, and the long-range *Martha's Vineyard Transportation Plan*.
- **Martha's Vineyard Transportation Plan:** The MVC developed a new version of the Plan for 2016-40, the Island's long range plan for all modes of transportation to and on the Island, with proposed projects and estimated funding. The Plan includes new maps showing crash data and environmental justice and was endorsed in July 2015.
- **Transportation Improvement Program Projects:** The TIP provides state and federal funding for eligible transportation projects on the Island.
 - **Lagoon Pond Drawbridge:** After ten years of planning and construction, the new Drawbridge opened to

traffic in November. Demolition of the temporary bridge and landscaping will be completed in 2016. The MVC facilitated the efforts of the Drawbridge Committee to have MassDOT harmonize the design with its context, improve pedestrian paths and open space around the bridge, and minimize negative construction impacts.

- State Road and Old County Road Intersection: This intersection in West Tisbury was realigned to improve safety.
- Upcoming Projects: Projects are under development for TIP funding are: drainage improvements to the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, extension of the Island Shared-Use Path on Beach Road in Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, and improvements to bike paths in the State Forest.
- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee**: MVC staffs an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members continued drafting a *Complete Streets Policy* for use by the JTC and towns to consider bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- **Scenic Roads Initiative**: MVC staff supported the Island Roads Committee efforts to better protect the scenic character of Vineyard roads, working with a consultant to develop a *Scenic Roads Work Program*.
- **Trails Planning**: Part of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted by the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network. In 2015 he assisted the Town of West Tisbury adding old roads to its inventory of Special Ways and provided information to Oak Bluffs and Tisbury about potential Special Ways. Eight segments of potential new trail routes were worked on across the Island. Time was also spent on conducting a triennial inspection of the Land Bank's partial interests (conservation restrictions, agricultural preservation restrictions, and view easements) to ensure they are being honored.
- **Data Collection**: MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at various locations, and performed Turning Movement Counts at several intersections across the Island. MVC Staff used a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and clinometer (measuring slopes) to inventory and map downtown sidewalks in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven. Staff also collected parking observation data in downtown Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven.

WATER QUALITY

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard's water quality and especially our threatened coastal ponds.

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project**: For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective way to solve them. In 2015, the MEP completed final reports for Chilmark and Tashmoo Ponds. The final report for the Menemsha-Squibnocket-Nashaquitsa system is expected early spring 2016. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.
- **Fertilizer Controls**: In 2014 the MVC designated the Martha's Vineyard Lawn Fertilizer Control District of Critical Planning Concern, allowing Island towns to adopt local lawn fertilizer regulations as a low-cost tool to combat excess nitrogen in coastal ponds. In 2015, the regulations took effect and the Island Boards of Health offered well-attended license training classes.
- **Water Testing**: MVC Staff took water samples of Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, and Tisbury Great Ponds. MVC staff assisted and collected samples with Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown as part of their Collaborative Nantucket Sound Monitoring Program looking for pharmaceuticals in coastal ponds.
- **Water Alliance and Associations**: The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.

COLLABORATION

The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **Education and Training**: The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public. Two fall workshops for planning board and zoning board members, *Site Plan Review and Introduction to the Zoning Act*, included discussion of the legislature's proposed comprehensive changes to the Act that will affect towns. The *Zoning Act* workshop was free to town employees and officials. Other programs included *Certified Aging in Place Certification*, Cape Light Compact's *Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficient Programs and Three Year Plan*, and a webinar on *Trail Wayfinding Systems for Public Agencies*. The MVC loans resource documents to planning boards. The MVC helped sponsor the *Living Local* event for the first time and invited Gordon Peabody to present his low-tech method for sustainable erosion control.

- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of town boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group and Island conservation commissions. MVC Staff participated in meetings of the All-Island planning boards and supported an effort initiated by the All-Island Selectmen to improve taxi regulations. The MVC hosted a visit by MassDevelopment explaining the new TA Connect program to coordinate state technical assistance programs of local benefit; as a result, West Tisbury submitted a request for help addressing pedestrian circulation at the town center. The Commission also provides town officials legislative updates, information about federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops.
- **Inter-Regional Collaboration:** The MVC Executive Director meets monthly with other members of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts. Staff participated in a series of online sessions with other Regional Planning Agencies (“RPAs”) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health exploring the health implications of transportation and development, including state mechanisms helping localities address health issues when evaluating development proposals. The MVC became one of eight RPAs on a 15-member Rural Policy Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of rural communities and advance the health and well-being of rural residents. MVC staff participated in the *Summit on Climate Resiliency* at UMass Dartmouth where the Coastal Planner made a presentation on the MVC’s climate change adaptation activities.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- **DRIs:** The Commission reviews Developments of Regional Impact (“DRI”) that potentially would impact more than one Vineyard town whether due to water quality, transportation, affordable housing or other factors affecting the character and vitality of Martha’s Vineyard. In 2015, forty (40) projects were before the MVC for DRI review.
 - Ten were full DRIs with public hearings, eight of which were approved with conditions, one project was withdrawn by the applicant before a decision was made, and one was under review at year’s end.
 - No DRIs were denied.
 - Ten minor modifications of previously approved DRI’s were approved without public hearings.
 - Six projects were referred to the MVC for concurrence review. All but one was sent back to their towns as not needing DRI review;

- Five previously approved DRIs returned for LUPC approval of their landscape plans.
- At year’s end, the MVC had five projects at various stages of DRI review.
- Four additional projects are awaiting town referral, applicant documentation, or are on hold at the applicant’s request.
- **DRI Checklist Review:** The MVC’s Land Use Planning Committee (“LUPC”) held a series of public meetings attended by town officials and members of the public and the Executive Director met town planning boards, building inspectors, and other professionals to get input for the biennial evaluation of the standards and criteria for what should be reviewed by the MVC as Developments of Regional Impact. At year’s end, the Executive Director was compiling comments, a review of the past decade’s referrals, and recommendations into a report for Commissioners.
- **DCPCs:** Districts of Critical Planning Concern are designated by the Commission to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, supporting special town regulations.
 - **Island Road District:** The MVC and the Town of West Tisbury amended the Special Ways Zone of the Island Road District by adding four new ways: Pine Hill Road, Red Coat Hill/Motts Hill Road, Shubael Weeks Road, and Old Coach Road.
 - **Litigation:** In 2015, the MVC continued in litigation defending the Special Ways in Edgartown and the Town of Aquinnah District.

FINANCES

The Commission’s FY2015 income was \$1,512,259, of which 69% came from town assessments, 27% from grants and contracts, and 4% from other sources. Expenses were \$1,563,105 of which 51% was for salaries, 20% for salary-related costs, 3% for legal fees, and 26% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the website.

COMMISSIONERS

Clarence Trip Barnes	Tisbury elected Member-at-large
John Breckenridge	Clerk-Treasurer,
	Oak Bluffs elected Member-at-large
Yvonne Boyle	Governor’s Appointee (part of year)
Christina Brown	Edgartown elected Member-at-large
Harold Chapdelaine	appointed by the Tisbury Board of Selectmen (part of year)
Peter Connell	Governor’s Appointee (non-voting on regulatory issues, part of year)
Robert Doyle	Chilmark elected Member-at-large

Fred Hancock,	Chairman, appointed by the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen
James Joyce	appointed by the Edgartown Board of Selectmen
Joan Malkin	Chairman of PED Committee, appointed by the Chilmark Board of Selectmen
W. Karl McLaurin	appointed by the Governor (part of year)
Kathy Newman	appointed by the Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury elected Member-at-large
Abe Seiman	Oak Bluffs elected Member-at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury elected Member-at-large
	Chairman of Land Use Planning Committee
Josh Goldstein	Tisbury elected Member-at-large
Lenny Jason	Appointed by the County of Dukes County
Ernest Thomas	appointed by the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen
Jim Verduyck	Vice-Chairman, Aquinnah elected Member-at-large

STAFF

Adam Turner	Executive Director as of August 2015
Mark London	Executive Director until July 2015
Sheri Caseau	Water Resource Planner
Christine Flynn	Economic Development and Affordable Housing Planner
Paul Foley	DRI Coordinator
Priscilla Leclerc	Transportation Planner
Chris Seidel	GIS Coordinator
Jo-Ann Taylor	Coastal Planner and DCPC Coordinator
Bill Veno	Senior Planner
Curt Schroeder	Administrator
Donna Stewart	Administrative Assistant

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR OAK BLUFFS

Community Planning

- **Downtown Revitalization:** MVC staff assisted the Planning Board with the Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan which was completed in August 2015. Staff participated in several meetings relating to connecting Shared Use Paths to the downtown business district, Park-and-Ride options, and the North Bluff Boardwalk Plans.
- **Planning & Zoning:** MVC staff presented resource and planning documents to the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to help discussions relative to doing a Master Plan.

- **Oak Bluffs Open Space and Recreation Plan:** MVC staff provided socio-economic data in preparation of the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan. The MVC also submitted a letter of support to the state regarding the town's draft plan and its compliance with the MVC's Island Plan.

Economic Development and Affordable Housing

- **Grants:** MVC staff worked with the town's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearings for FY 2015 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$900,000 which was awarded in July 2015.
- **Resident Homesite Program:** MVC staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee on a warrant article, which was adopted at the 2015 November Special Town Meeting, to transfer the Resident Homesite Program to the Oak Bluffs Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Geographic Information Systems

- **Mapping:** The Town's *Police and Fire Departments* obtained mapping help for the required pre-planning efforts that go into the summer's Fireworks and Illumination Night events. The *Conservation Commission* received mapping assistance on their open space plan report and detailed maps of the Sunset Lake area depicting the impact of flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise on the residential neighborhoods in this area. To identify future special ways, the *Planning Board* requested a map showing the ancient and current special ways within the town. The *Building Inspector's Office* was supported in their quest to find the original 1986 Water Resource Protection Overlay District Map; this area was subsequently digitized and appended to the Overlay Zoning data layer. At the request of the *Watershed Planning Committee*, a map was produced for Town Meeting to support the article establishing a Nitrogen Management District for Lagoon Pond.

Transportation

- **Drawbridge:** Oak Bluffs has representatives on the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, whose work had been facilitated by the MVC since the start, and which will continue to work with MassDOT to finalize the landscaping and other work on the new drawbridge.
- **Transportation Improvement Program Project:** MVC Staff is supporting the Town's planning for Shared-Use Path extensions on Seaview Avenue and linking to the SUP on Beach Road, to be financed with federal and state funds.

Water Quality

- **Water Sampling:** MVC Staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data from Sengekontacket, Lagoon, and Farm Ponds, in cooperation with the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department.

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP):** MVC staff meets regularly with the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater committee to discuss options for improving water quality and meeting the maximum nitrogen load limit. MVC staff continues to meet with Oak Bluffs officials and the Friends of Sengekontacket to review the MEP Sengekontacket study findings and discuss options for mitigating nitrogen pollution. MVC staff is also meeting with town officials and the Friends of Farm Pond on the Tidal Restoration Project to implement the MEP
- **Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active member of the Joint Sengekontacket Committee, Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee, and the Friends of Sengekontacket. Staff has met with Fresh Pond owners to help develop plan to address water quality issues in that pond.

Regulatory Activities

- **DRI:** Oak Bluffs referred eleven projects to the MVC as DRIs in 2015:
 - One project was reviewed as a DRI with a public hearing (North Bluff seawall), which at year's end was still under review;
 - Five were minor modifications to existing DRIs approved without public hearings (Island Inn staff housing, Community Services Youth Collaborative building (twice), Barn Bowl & Bistro modification to wastewater treatment, MV Hospital Clinic);

- One was referred to the MVC for a concurrence review and determined to not required DRI (Weslin Avenue demolition);
- One was a previously approved DRI returning to LUPC for compliance review (Barn Bowl & Bistro noise compliant);
- Three additional projects were in process or anticipated at the end of the year (awaiting DRI application for Denniston demolition, Southern Woodlands modification to subdivision, Lagoon Ridge subdivision).
- **DCPC:** MVC staff and Commissioners provided information to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board regarding identification of old ways for possible protection as Special Ways under the Island Road DCPC.
- **MEPA:** MVC staff participated in MEPA review of the Goodale Construction Company.

Staff Liaison

- Economic Development and Affordable Housing Planner Christine Flynn is the main staff liaison with the Oak Bluffs Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINA BROWN

Edgartown elected Member-at-large

JAMES JOYCE

Member appointed by the Edgartown Board of Selectmen

MARK LONDON and ADAM TURNER

Executive Directors

PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

It is my honor to present the 2015 annual report for the Oak Bluffs Planning Board. Our five-member board is charged with the critical task of planning for the ever-developing needs of our citizens while also regulating current growth and development. The Board had a very busy year in both areas of responsibility, and we are pleased to highlight a few of those activities here.

Before we begin to recap our challenges and achievements of the year, it is important to emphasize that the Planning Board does not operate in a vacuum. Our work is highly collaborative. We take great pride in our collective and synergistic work with Town Hall staff, the various boards and committees that make up our town government, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and the planning boards of the other Island towns.

While we take pride in our interaction with others in government, collaboration with our citizens is the true driving mission behind this Board. We are driven to constantly reach out to the public, to learn from them, to inform them, to give them the voice they demand and deserve. Our outreach through social media, traditional media, and good old-fashioned networking is what sets us apart.

Planning boards spend a great deal of their time responding to growth, and this year was no exception. From numerous small divisions of land known as "approval not required" plans to two full-scale subdivision proposals, the Board acted quickly and decisively to ensure compliance with land use regulations. Some of these projects are complete, and others remain under our care.

One project we reviewed in 2015 was especially noteworthy. In 2004, after years of controversy and lawsuits, plans for The Southern Woodlands subdivision were approved by Oak Bluffs and the Martha's Vineyard Commission. However, the development never got off the ground, and was soon consigned to the bankruptcy courts. As those proceedings wound down, a large national investor specializing in distressed properties purchased the land with the intention of extracting value from possibly grandfathered permits written before our current, much stricter zoning regulations.

The Planning Board faced a difficult choice with Southern Woodlands. After numerous public meetings and careful consideration, the Board took the creative step of negotiating a deal that essentially brings the permits "up to date," thereby avoiding years of potentially costly litigation. As the formal conclusion of this solution nears its day in 2016, the Board looks back on 2015 as the year in which the public and the Board stood side by side to

obtain \$700,000 towards our affordable housing efforts. We fought for and won nitrogen mitigation far more stringent than even current standards to protect our drinking water and ponds. We got what we asked for, and we demonstrated the high standards our community has for development.

Not all Planning Board duties fit neatly into the two categories of responsive or proactive. Towards the end of 2015, the North Bluff seawall restoration planning and permitting were nearing completion. The Planning Board had no regulatory role in this particular project, but we kept hearing concerns from the public. As it turns out, a strong outreach program means others reach out to you as well. The Planning Board had a public meeting where neighbor after neighbor voiced their frustration over the project. Clearly, the Board had to act, if only to ensure the public had adequate information and opportunity to provide feedback on such a critical plan.

Fortunately, the Martha's Vineyard Commission provides an avenue for just such additional review, allowing any town board to refer any project on a discretionary basis. In yet another act of collaboration, the Planning Board worked quickly with the MVC to speed the process, balancing the need for more review with a critical timeline if the project were to proceed. In the end, the project went ahead, but not before the citizens and governmental leaders had one more opportunity to be sure it was right for the town. That counts as success in our book.

Many planning boards consider their work finished when the last permit is approved, the last site plan modified, the last ANR endorsed. We take a very different view, one that promises a much brighter future for the people of Oak Bluffs.

Over the course of 2015, the Planning Board led a number of initiatives and studies and collaborated in many more. Whether we were attacking the housing crisis jointly with the other Island planning boards, focusing on our own downtown as leaders in the wildly successful phase one of the Streetscape project, advising the MVC on their Development of Regional Impact checklist review, or working as a united board to address issues with our zoning bylaws, one thing remained constant: the public was always included in the discussion and kept informed on the progress.

It was a whirlwind year, and 2016 promises to be even more dynamic. The Oak Bluffs Planning Board accomplished a great deal in 2015, but there are important planning projects ahead of us. The pace of growth promises many tough decisions on the regulatory front. Our focus, as always, will be to include the community at every step. We will build on our strong relationships with our

colleagues in Town government, the other Island planning boards and the MVC. We will all be working together to advance affordable housing, public safety, clean ponds and drinking water, renewable energy, recreation and smart growth.

We would like to close this report by asking you to consider one of the Town's great achievements in 2015: The Niantic Park Playground. This project started with a small group of parents and a playground with a lot of potential. The Niantic Park Playground Project Committee was not born in a government office, but rather in a living room. As the project took shape, volunteers from all over the Island stepped up to help, with Town government playing a necessary but supporting role. Members of the

Planning Board were involved as citizens, but this was not a Planning Board project. This was a community triumph. It should serve as a reminder to all of us that when we work together we can achieve great things. Take a walk through the playground next time you are in the neighborhood and do as we do: consider it the model for how things should be done.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN PACKISH, Chairman
ROBERT FEHL, Vice-Chairman
ERIK ALBERT
KRIS CHVATAL
EWELL HOPKINS

VARIOUS REPORTS

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

2015 Statistics:

Burials

7 full casket burials

7 cremains burials

Sales

14 quarter lots

1 cremation lot

Lots can be purchased in the new section of the cemetery although landscaping has not been completed yet.

A major improvement for our cemetery in 2015 was the completion of replacement of the water line with new posts and spigots. We hope this will help residents maintain their family gravesites during the year especially in the hot summer months.

On March 18, Commissioner Jack Law convened the 2015 meeting of the Commissioners and the following matters were discussed.

The new cemetery map: The new cemetery map has owner's names and lot numbers on each lot. There are actually three indexes of names for the cemetery, a book of burials, a digital list available to residents on the Town web site, and the handwritten box of index cards from early in the century.

Winter burials: The Highway Department maintains cemetery roads year round and grave sites can be opened year round as well.

Size of cremation sites: Can they be made larger for easy access and improved appearance of the cemetery? No vote was taken but Commissioner Law suggested purchasing a larger lot would be an option. Cremation spaces will be larger in the new area of the cemetery.

Dredge material: Dredge material continued to be removed from cemetery property in 2015.

Names on old stones: These names do not appear on the new cemetery map. It was suggested that this would be a good volunteer project to initiate in 2016. If you or any civic group would be interested in this project, please Nicole Morey or Linda Wilson.

We want to thank Luis Gonsalves who maintained the cemetery before his promotion to another position with the Highway Department. A replacement for this position will be hired before the summer season begins.

And as always, Nicole Morey for her careful attention all matters pertaining to the Oak Bluffs Cemetery and for the assistance of Richie Combria and the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK LAW
LINDA WILSON
JOHN TIERNAN

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Oak Bluffs Historical Commission's (OBHC) mission is to encourage preservation of Oak Bluffs historic buildings, open space, parks, and to maintain the charm of Oak Bluffs' heritage, history, and character, as well as educate others on the need for preservation and an appreciation of the remarkable place that is Oak Bluffs.

The OBHC spent much of this year trying to preserve Oak Bluffs' unique architectural styles, historic sites, and heritage for future generations to enjoy and appreciate. Working with the Building Department, the OBHC reviewed and held a number of hearings on Demolition Delay applications to determine the historic significance of buildings over a hundred years old. When an 100 year old building is deemed "significant" or "preferably preserved", demolition may be delayed for up to six months to allow time for preservation. We meet with homeowners and architects to discuss ways to preserve or replicate details that would maintain the architectural integrity of existing historic neighborhoods. We also work with the Campground Association (MVCA), Cottage City Historic

District (CCHDC) Commission and/or refer to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) when appropriate.

OBHC continues to work with other Town of Oak Bluffs departments and other organizations, such as the Friends of Oak Bluffs, to preserve and rejuvenate our parks, existing open spaces, and shoreline. With these goals in mind, have submitted two proposals to the CPC for funding of more authentic lighting along Sea View Avenue and a tree survey in the Cottage city area. We continue to provide the "Walking Tour of Oak Bluffs" brochure at Town Hall and the downtown tourist information kiosk.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA MELROSE, Chairman
JOYCE DRESSER, Secretary
SUSAN THOMPSON
ALISON SHAW
SUSAN GAMBLE
RENEE BALTER
JIM DEARING

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Oak Bluffs adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2005 in order to help preserve the Town's unique character and resources. Community Preservation funds are expended for projects in the three categories of community housing, open space and recreation, and historical preservation.

The role of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is to evaluate proposals for projects in these three areas and to "offer recommendations for the creation and preservation of open space, historical properties, and community housing, thus preserving our heritage, providing for our families, and protecting our future" (from the CPC mission statement). Each year the town meeting votes on those projects which the Committee considers as having the highest priority, and which meet state guidelines for the program while staying within the financial resources available.

The Community Preservation Act projects are funded by a three percent (3%) surcharge on the Town's real estate taxes, which is matched by a yearly grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The State match is raised through fees from real estate transactions recorded with the State's Registries of Deeds, plus funds from the State budget surplus.

In 2015 the Town's 3% surcharge of \$500,000 was matched by a State grant of \$198,438, for a total of \$698,438 available for community preservation. The State match was 41%, as compared to 44% last year.

Oak Bluffs CPA funds have supported a great number of important community projects, including restoration of the historic Ocean Park Bandstand, winterization of an affordable home on Richmond Avenue, and the complete renovation of Niantic Park, including a new basketball court and an upgraded playground, for which a group of parents has raised additional money. The Park will be open to the public for the 2016 season. The Conservation Commission held an open house for the new CPA-funded trail system at the Sailing Camp Park, which has a trailhead for parking on Barnes Road.

At the 2015 annual town meeting, voters approved a total of \$910,972 for these projects:

- Sea View Avenue Beach Preservation, \$120,575
- East Chop Bluff Stabilization, \$279,800

- Open Space and Recreation Recommendations, phase 2, \$15,000
- Beach Planting, \$15,000
- Salt Marsh Restoration, \$9,697.19
- High School Track Replacement, \$63,000
- Farm Pond Restoration, \$125,000
- Richmond Avenue Affordable House, \$50,000
- Rental Assistance, \$138,000
- Marine Hospital Roof and Chimneys Restoration, \$50,000
- Trinity Church Stained Glass Windows Restoration, \$27,000
- Town Hall Records Archiving, phase 2, \$17,900

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN HUGHES, Chairman
JEVON REGO, Vice-Chairman
AMY BILLINGS
MARIE DOUBLEDAY
STEPHEN DURKEE
BO FEHL
CHARLES ROCK
ALISON SHAW
JAMES WESTERVELT



Photo courtesy of Alison Shaw

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY TELEVISION

To the Oak Bluffs Selectmen:

The past year has been a busy one for MVTV. In addition to the day to day operation of the station, we are just finishing up our kitchen studio which we anticipate will be a popular set for cooking shows to be aired on our channels. We're also finishing up the installation of solar panels on our roof. Those two projects have been in the capital plan and it will be nice to see them completed. Since the building is solely run on electricity, the panels will help us out in the long run.

The common area in the station has been utilized as a gallery space for local artists to show their work. The artists host a reception if they so chose and it has been a great way to have more people become familiar with our facility.

On a sad note, we lost the man who made the new station possible - William Waterway. On the winter solstice we dedicated the day to the many hours of programming he aired on CH.13. He will be missed but his

legacy is in our building forever.

As you know, the purpose of MVTV is to provide the community with public access television. From our fiscal year of July of 2014 through June 2015 we aired 511 new shows produced by members of the community on CH.13, 136 sports/education shows on Ch.14 and 321 government meetings on CH.15.

The staff at MVTV, along with the MVTV Board members, thank the island towns and Comcast for the continued support of our mission.

It has been a very productive and successful year for the station and we look forward to continued service to the community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

ANNE P. C. LEMENAGER
Chairman, MVTV Board of Directors

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year the Council meets on the first Sunday of November to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and at work on projects in the arts, humanities or interpretative sciences. Instructions, program guidelines and forms are available at www.mass-council.org, as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In December 2015 the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$25,800 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted to donate \$1,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$2,500, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$39,086.

In 2015 the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$118,647.

The awards granted by the MV Cultural Council in their November 1, 2015 Annual Grant Meeting are listed below.

Holly Alaimo	
MV Wind Festival	\$904
West Tisbury Free Public Library	
World of the Troubadours and Trobairitz VII	\$517
Island First Grades	
The Drum Workshop	\$1,928
Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA)	
MV Mini Maker Faire	\$1,392
Island Schools	
StarLab Planetarium	\$1,175
Worcester Women's History Project	
Yours for Humanity	\$225
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Inc	
National Fossil Day Celebration	\$686
Lara O'Brien	
Connecting to Old Ireland	\$143
Cinema Circus	
Free Filmmaking Workshop	\$1,508

Martino, Dan	
Oyster Farm Biodiversity	\$621
Friends of MVY Radio	
Posters for Free Concert	\$185
The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	
Family-Friendly Outdoor Films for All	\$767
Featherstone Center for the Arts	
Teen Art Cafe	\$2,246
Kirn, Roberta	
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1,786
U.S. Slave Song Project, Inc - 1854	
1954, an original Martha's Vineyard opera	\$389
MV Film Society	
Family Film Saturday	\$679
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society (MV CMS)	
Annual Thanksgiving Concert	\$432
MV Film Society	
MV Film Scholarship	\$504
Limber, Richard	
Trophy House Project	\$501
MV Film Society	
2016 Int. Film Festival	\$1,007
Vineyard Conservation	
Art of Conservation	\$957
African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard	
Lost Histories	\$686
Rosenthal, Dean	
"Island: A Soundscape"	\$596
Vineyard Playhouse Co., Inc.	
Winter Series at MV Playhouse	\$1,231
Jane Dreeben	
The Urge to Create	\$912
David Bates	
Celebrating the Sea	\$467
Island Community Chorus	
Anniversary Concert	\$2,068
Margaret Emerson	
Community ArtSpace	\$1,093
Lara O'Brien	
MV Teens Write	\$367
McCarthy, Chelsea	
Canaries	\$800
Sandy Broyard	
Dance Improvisation	\$624
Piti Theatre Co	
Innocenzo	\$71

Sassafras Earth Educ.	
Women Fire Circles	\$36
Lydick McKenney	
Follow the Cannon	\$343
The Yard Inc.	
Winter Performance NUT/CRACKED	\$904
Laura Sargent Hall and Abby Bender for Built on Stilts	
Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival	\$2,132
IMP Improv	
Performance Skills	\$1,693
Aquinnah Cultural Center	
10th Annual Native American Artisan's Festival	\$2,136
Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	
Felix Neck Labyrinth	\$300
Clark, Richard	
Barrymore	\$300
Tisbury School	
Boston Ballet Nutcracker Field Trip	\$852
Tisbury School - First Graders	
Big Apple Circus in Boston	\$483
Consenses	
Consenses	\$1,761
MV Public Charter School	
Model UN	\$337
West Tisbury School	
Whale Watch	\$342

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council 2015 Membership

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
THERESA MANNING	HARVEY BETH
ELIZABETH WITHAM, Sec.	WENDY PALMER
JAMIE VANDERHOOP	
Chilmark	Tisbury
J. CHRISTY, V.Chair	NOAVAKAY WIBEL
LINDA THOMPSON	NOREEN BAKER
ALISON MEAD	ROBERT CROPPER
Edgartown	West Tisbury
BRIAN DITCHFIELD	MARTA CAMARGO,
WILLIAM G. VENO	Treas.
JAN POGUE	PAUL LEVINE
Ex-Officio	
WIET BACHELLER	DAN WATERS
(emeritus)	PIA WEBSTER
CHRIS DREYER	
DEBORAH SILLIMANWASS	
BETH KRAMER	

Check out our Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/marthasvineyardcc>

As always, we wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. We are grateful as well to Director Joyce Bowker and the Up-Island Council on Aging for allowing us to use the Howes House as our meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER L. CHRISTY, Chair

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Cape Light Compact is an award-winning energy services organization operated by the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact's mission is to serve its 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options. For more information, visit www.capelightcompact.org.

POWER SUPPLY – Stability, Security and Green Power Options

Cape Light Compact offers stable and secure electric supply at competitive rates. Much depends on timing and market forces, but the Compact was proud to offer stable, competitive prices in 2015. As in previous years, electricity prices in 2015 were primarily driven by the price of natural gas. The winter of 2015 saw a lower wholesale electricity price spike from the 2014 winter, but retail electricity prices were still the highest in recent history. This is because of high forward market prices at the time when retail suppliers were procuring in advance for their expected loads. These high forward prices were set by expectations of the same high wholesale prices seen in the winter of 2014, which didn't come to fruition this year. While New England's natural gas delivery constraint was still the main contributing factor to high winter wholesale prices, it was mitigated by warmer temperatures in the beginning of the winter, increased liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, implementation of an improved winter reliability program by the electricity grid operator, and low oil prices.

The past few years have seen many changes in how electricity is produced in New England. There is growing concern over how to meet both the reliability needs of the electric grid and our greenhouse gas reduction goals, all at a reasonable cost to electricity consumers. In the upcoming year, state elected officials and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities will be focusing on this issue. Topics to be deliberated include: (1) whether or not to install new natural gas pipelines, and who should pay for this; electric customers or gas customers; (2) net metering cap for solar and other renewable gener-

ation projects; (3) smart grid, or grid modernization, technology, who will benefit and how will costs be located amongst electric customers. As we have done in the past the Cape Light Compact Governing Board will participate in these, and other, discussions on behalf of electric customers.

In 2015, Cape Light Compact provided energy to residents and businesses in accordance with two competitive electricity supply contracts negotiated by the Compact. The Compact's residential electricity supplier was ConEdison Solutions, and the commercial and industrial supplier was NextEra Energy. As of the most recent count, the Compact had approximately 3,097 total electric accounts within the Town of Oak Bluffs on its energy supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY – Committed to Consumer Interests

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local, state, and federal level. In 2015, the Compact focused much of its advocacy on consumer electricity disclosure labels, DPU's competitive supply website, and door-to-door marketing rules. These issues affect how electricity consumers interact with and take advantage of the competitive supply market. The Compact has provided input advocating for better disclosure methods of electricity sources, including renewable energy, which will better inform consumers about where the electricity they're purchasing comes from. The Compact is also continuing to provide DPU with input on their competitive supplier website in order to ensure it is easy for users to use and understand. The Compact, along with others, has also successfully lobbied for the implementation of door-to-door marketing rules that will help protect consumers from some of the unscrupulous marketing tactics that have been used on the Cape and Vineyard.

The Compact is also pleased to announce that the Department of Public Utilities issued a final order in May approving the Compact's revisions to its Aggregation Plan, which was submitted in April 2014. This order affirms the purposes, structure, and funding of the Compact, and has been used as a model for other municipalities seeking to form their own aggregations. While Cape Light Compact was the first municipal aggregator in the state, there are

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Saving Energy and Money

Jan – Dec. 2015	# of # of Participants	Customer Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	11	\$2,752.80	13,764	\$55,228.97
Residential	191	\$71,976.80	359,884	\$340,611.55
Commercial	15	\$108,683.80	543,419	\$132,430.88
Total	217	\$183,413.40	917,067	\$528,271.40

now 72 communities in Massachusetts with approved Aggregation Plans.

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) and a portion of the “distribution charge” (\$0.02349 for residential customers and \$0.01127 for commercial and industrial customers) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact Efforts Include:

- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students

through classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training, an island-wide "Energy Carnival" and sponsors the all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact helps to sponsor the MVRHS Science Fair and educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the grange hall in October.

- \$23,178 towards energy efficiency Lighting and Variable Speed Drive installations at the Police Station and Water District Buildings.

Respectfully submitted

RICHARD TOOLE
Oak Bluffs Representative

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Ridership

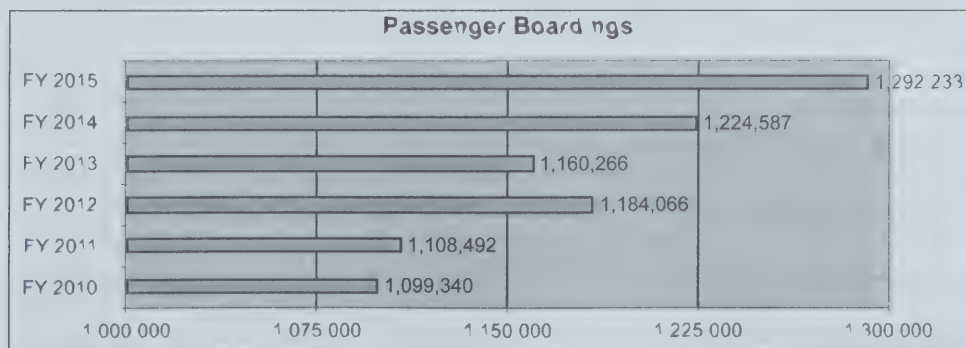
Fiscal Year 2015 showed an increase in ridership for both the in-season and off-season, and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes and annual passes purchased.

Fiscal Year 2015 showed an overall increase of 5.6% in passenger boardings compared to FY 2014. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 4.5% increase in the FY 2015 off-season ridership from FY 2014.



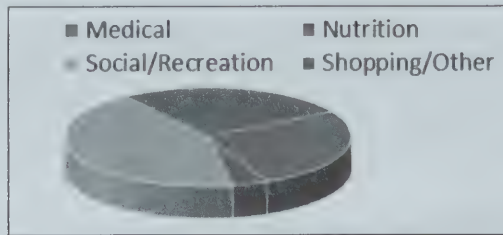
Fixed Route Ridership

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
July	245,214	269,237	290,248	275,455	282,606	293,708
August	265,384	265,686	268,749	291,568	303,175	323,949
September	131,257	118,462	133,887	126,859	129,661	140,739
October	60,675	63,907	67,217	57,637	71,666	76,286
November	28,092	29,096	29,635	29,986	30,053	32,380
December	22,859	23,309	24,760	24,661	24,617	28,628
January	20,364	21,060	22,839	22,162	21,299	22,395
February	20,040	19,673	22,456	20,106	21,624	20,032
March	26,987	25,694	28,798	27,036	26,033	26,877
April	39,630	35,092	42,834	39,240	41,834	42,506
May	91,324	88,395	90,976	87,167	92,847	106,798
June	147,514	148,881	161,667	158,389	179,172	177,935
Total	1,099,340	1,108,492	1,184,066	1,160,266	1,224,587	1,292,233



"Lift" Ridership

Fiscal Year 2015 showed a minimal increase in social/recreational service trips on "The Lift" resulting in an 8.8% increase over FY 2014.



Fiscal Year	Ridership	Change
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%
FY 2015	14,471	8.8%

Bicycles

Each VTA bus is equipped with a bike rack that can hold two or three bikes. These racks are used by

passengers on a first come, first serve basis. In FY 2015 the VTA carried 22,981 bicycles – a 0.08% increase over FY 2014.

Fare Increase

The VTA Advisory Board approved a multi-year fare increase, beginning January 2014:

	Date of Last Increase	Current Fare	1/1/2016
One Day Pass	January 2014	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	January 2014	\$18.00	same
Seven Day Pass	January 2014	\$25.00	\$30.00
Annual Pass	January 2014	\$120.00	\$130.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2014	\$25.00	\$30.00
Youth Annual - Island	January 2014	\$35.00	\$40.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	January 2014	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	May 2004	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	May 2002	\$0.75	same
Medivan	May 2006	\$15.00	same

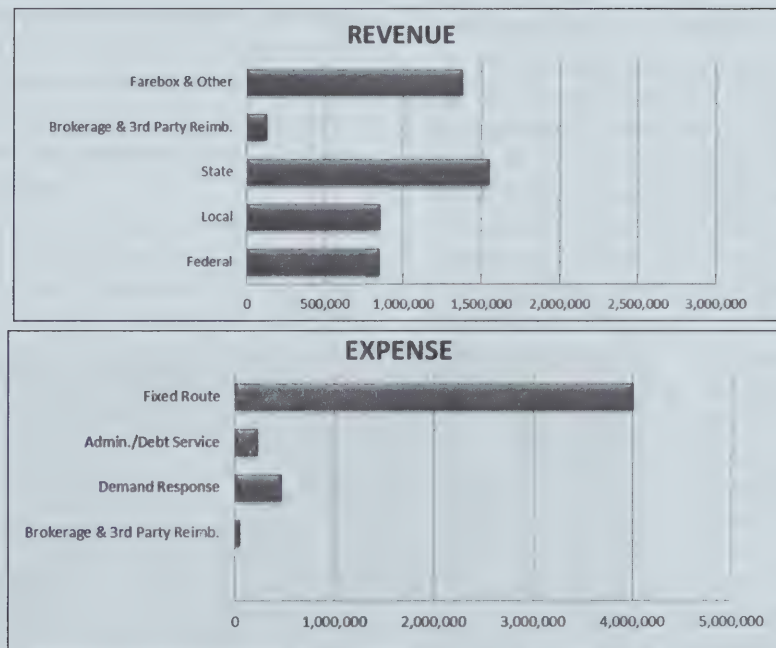
Financial

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,165,492	\$ 1,121,824
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,773,403	\$ 2,156,801
Other current assets	\$ 413,595	\$ 314,675
Total current assets	\$ 3,352,490	\$ 3,593,300
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,311,369	\$ 377,720
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 456,985	\$ 74,893
Total restricted assets	\$ 1,768,354	\$ 452,613
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 495,342	\$ -
Capital assets, net	\$ 10,185,325	\$ 9,341,887
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 12,449,021	\$ 9,794,500
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,801,511	\$ 13,387,800

LIABILITIES	2015	2014
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 199,505	\$ 178,869
Total current liabilities	\$ 199,505	\$ 178,869
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,625,469	\$ 220,071
Other postemployment benefits	\$ 86,246	\$ 114,440
Net pension liability	\$ 245,465	\$ -
Revenue anticipation notes	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,457,180	\$ 1,834,511
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,656,685	\$ 2,013,380
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 10,185,325	\$ 9,341,887
Restricted	\$ 142,885	\$ 118,102
Unrestricted	\$ 1,816,616	\$ 1,914,431
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 12,144,826	\$11,374,420

Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report



Respectfully submitted,

ALICE BUTLER, Chairman, Oak Bluffs
 JOHN ALLEY, West Tisbury
 JUNE MANNING, Aquinnah
 JAY GRANDE, Tisbury
 LEONARD JASON, Chilmark
 LOUIS PACIELLO, Edgartown
 RUSSELL ASHTON, Rider Community Representative, Oak Bluffs
 ANGELA E. GRANT, Administrator

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The following report is for Calendar Year 2015:

The Information Technology Department continues its effort to maintain, support and upgrade the Technological systems of the Town of Oak Bluffs. Many new projects were underway in 2015. The IT Department helped with the construction and installation of computer and related systems in the new Oak Bluffs Fire Station, developed and prepared to launch a new Town website, and upgrade and enhance the Town's financial systems.

The new Oak Bluffs Fire Station is a building that cannot be compared to its predecessor. More than 16,000 feet of network wiring was run to support the computer, phone, HVAC and audiovisual systems within the building. Advanced technologies were leveraged to deliver better quality of service.

The new new Town website has been developed to deliver a much richer experience than the previous site. The ultimate goal was to create a much easier interaction

between the citizens and government. The website is and will forever be a work in progress we always welcome feedback to develop the site further to deliver a greater experience.

Another major project has been the implementation of a new financial cash management system. Much of the project management has been handled by the IT Department but the Accountant and Treasurer have been instrumental in moving the project forward. The cash management system will deliver greater real-time clarity on the Town's financial position and potentially save hundreds on hours on yearly reconciliation.

The Information Technology Department strives to deliver greater service both internally within town government and externally with the public by leveraging new technologies during the calendar year of 2015 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

TRAVIS LARSEN
IT Director

VETERANS SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

In FY 15, The Veterans Services Department assisted 106 cases in the Town of Oak Bluffs, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$59,908.47. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$40,937.13 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended.

We lost 12 veterans this past fiscal year. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Service Office and the Veterans of Martha's Vineyard present. All veteran's graves were decorated with flags per MGL 108 CMR 13:03. Thank you to Oak Bluffs Graves Officer Alan "Buddy" DeBettencourt for his assistance.

Veterans participated in 4 parades this past fiscal year: Memorial Day in Tisbury, Fourth of July in Edgartown and the Holy Ghost Society and Veterans Day Parades in Oak Bluffs. The Friday before Memorial Day saw island veterans at the Oak Bluffs School for their community meeting honoring veterans. Cards made by the Oak Bluffs school children were sent to VA Hospitals and to soldiers overseas.

I would like to thank the teachers and students from the Oak Bluffs School for their continued support of our veterans and active duty soldiers.

This year marked the 5th year that the Town of Oak Bluffs was a recognized site for Veterans Day by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The parade was cancelled due to the weather but the ceremony was held at VFW Post

9261 with parade Chairman Peter Herrmann presiding. In this picture are Peter Herrmann while Chaplain Lt. Col. David Berube leads a prayer at the ceremony. Thank you to Sam Moore and the M.V. Times for use of their picture. Veterans also visited Windemere Nursing Home for a brief ceremony to honor the veterans residing there.

Veterans participated in the Wreaths Across America Program sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company, which has been decorating graves at Arlington National Cemetery for 22 years. Seven Ceremonial wreaths were placed to remember those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high price of our freedoms. Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIA were placed on memorials during a unique ceremony.

Dr. Monte Vanbeber from VA Clinic in Hyannis is still coming to the island to see veterans once a month. The last figures that we had are 175 veterans registered for VA Health Care.

In order to be of more help to my clients and spouses I have taken and passed the course to become a SHINE Counselor, SHINE stands for Serving the Health Insurance needs of everyone. I hope to be of help to my clients and their dependants with Medicare and other insurance needs.

This has been an exciting year for me as I was named the Veterans Service Officer of the year by the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. I also received a Citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives in recognition of my award. The National Commander Michael Helm of the American Legion presented me with a Citation for Meritorious Services to the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Programs.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to veterans organizational meetings, and to training with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. As of this date we have no island soldiers serving in Afghanistan but have numerous others serving in the U.S. and around the world. If you know of someone serving please call my office with the address.

Respectfully submitted,

JO ANN MURPHY
Director
Dukes County Veterans Services



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Telephone Numbers

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The office number is 508-675-1200.

Administrative 508-675-1200

Animal Control 508-675-1200

Fire Department 508-675-1200

Police Department 508-675-1200

Community Center 508-675-1200

Health Services 508-675-1200

Library 508-675-1200

Mayor's Office 508-675-1200

Public Works 508-675-1200

Police Department 508-675-1200

Shelby Department 508-675-1200

Women's Department 508-675-1200

Fax number is 508-675-1200

Telephone Numbers

All offices in **Town Hall** can be accessed by dialing **508-693-3554**, the operator will list the extensions by Department and individual name.

The offices outside Town Hall are as follows:

Ambulance	508-693-5380
Animal Control	508-693-0857
Fire Department	508-693-0077
Highway Department	508-693-0072
Council on Aging	508-693-4509
Harbormaster	508-693-9644
Highway	508-693-0072
Library	508-693-9433
Parks Department	508-693-6535
Police Department	508-693-0750
Shellfish Department	508-693-0072
Wastewater Department	508-693-0343

Fax number is 508-696-7736

